

Obama Rejects Calls For Shift In Fight With ISIS



U.S. President Barack Obama gestures to journalists following a news conference at the end of the G-20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. The leaders of the Group of 20 wrapped up their two-day summit near the Turkish Mediterranean coastal city of Antalya Monday against the backdrop of heavy French bombardment of the Islamic State's stronghold in Syria. The bombings marked a significant escalation of France's role in the fight against the extremist group.

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Obama heads for Asia with an eye towards Middle East

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — After years of red-eye flights across the Pacific and marathon summits, President Barack Obama had hoped to arrive in this Southeast Asian capital and tout progress in his seven-year charm offensive in Asia: His campaign to move away from the cycle of crisis in the Middle East and toward the rising region was finally yielding results. Instead, the president was due to land Philippines Tuesday amid a fresh crisis — a reminder of the trouble that has dogged his “Asia rebalance” from its inception.

The terrorist attacks in Paris and talk of reprisals for the Islamic State quickly threatened to overshadow Obama's good-news tour to the Philippines and Malaysia this week. While Obama was ready to talk up his freshly inked trade deal and military cooperation in Asia, the rest of the world was looking for leadership on the Islamic State's relentless terror spree.

It was hardly the first time the Middle East has kept Obama from making the pivot his administration once imagined would be central to his foreign policy legacy. Instead of ending under Obama's watch, old conflicts in the Middle East have morphed into new, equally intense ones. Instead of gradually moving to center stage, Obama's agenda in Asia has had to compete for time and attention.

The White House was determined this week to show it would keep a steady focus — despite the tragedy that consumed European allies. Obama left Washington as scheduled just hours after the night of violence in Paris left 129 people dead and hundreds more injured. He has not changed his plans for the nine-day trip that began Sunday at the Group of 20 summit in Antalya, Turkey.

Still, at a press conference before he departed Manila Obama was asked only about his strategy for countering Islamic terrorism.

“This is another variation on the same question,” he said, exasperated by the repetition. “Let me try it one last time.”

At back-to-back summits in Manila and Kuala Lumpur, Obama was expected to highlight recent evidence of long-sought progress in Asia.

Recent elections in Myanmar, where activist Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition party won overwhelming victory, were a boost for Obama's foreign policy team, which has been deeply involved in guiding the shift away from military control.

On Tuesday, Obama was slated to tour the BRP Gregorio del Pilar, a Philippine Navy frigate once owned by the U.S. and now considered one of the most advanced in Southeast Asia. The visit was staged to call attention to a defense cooperation agreement cemented last year that gives the U.S. new access to some Philippine military bases. The compact is part of a broader effort to strengthen U.S. presence — and counterChina — in the disputed waters of the South China Sea.

The most notable accomplishment on Obama's list is the completion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the massive free trade agreement at the heart of the administration's Asia policy.

Obama will meet with leaders of the other 11 member countries in Manila on Wednesday to mark the milestone — although the celebration will be somewhat muted. The U.S. and other countries must still overcome considerable political opposition to win final ratification. □

Obama rejects calls for shift in ISIS fight

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Associated Press

ANTALYA, Turkey (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday firmly rejected calls for a shift in U.S. strategy against the Islamic State following the Paris attacks, saying Republicans who want to send ground troops into the volatile region are “talking as if they're tough” but fail to understand the potentially grave conse-

quences. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus called Obama's statements “excuse-laden and defensive.”

Even before the Paris attacks, Obama was under pressure from allies and his own administration to show progress in the campaign against the Islamic State. The assault in the heart of Western Europe was part of a troubling pattern showing

tional as he spoke of the consequences of war, referencing the injured troops he visits at Walter Reed, a military hospital near the White House. “Some of those are people I've ordered into battle,” he said. He said the U.S. would have to be prepared for a permanent occupation in Syria or Iraq if he sent in ground forces.

“What happens when



President Barack Obama pauses during a news conference following the G-20 Summit in Antalya, Turkey, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

quences.

“Folks want to pop off and have opinions about what they think they would do,” Obama said in a news conference wrapping up a two-day summit of world leaders in Turkey. “If they think that somehow their advisers are better than the chairman of my Joint Chiefs of Staff and the folks who are actually on the ground, I want to meet them. And we can have that debate.”

In a stinging rebuke, the president condemned Republicans who have suggested U.S. assistance to refugees fleeing the Middle East should focus on Christians, not Muslims. GOP presidential candidates Jeb Bush and Ted Cruz have made such suggestions, while some Republican governors want to ban all Syrian refugees from their states.

“That's shameful,” he said. “That's not American. It's not who we are.”

the group focusing new attention on targets outside its base in Iraq and Syria.

Obama conceded that the attacks in France marked a “terrible and sickening setback” in the anti-Islamic State campaign. But he insisted his strategy of building an international coalition to launch airstrikes, while training and equipping more moderate forces on the ground, is the best approach.

“The strategy that we are putting forward is the strategy that ultimately is going to work,” Obama said. “It's going to take time.”

The president has deployed more than 3,000 U.S. troops to Iraq to assist local security forces, and he recently announced plans to send 50 special operations forces to Syria. But he's vowed to avoid the kind of large-scale ground combat that U.S. troops engaged in for years in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama appeared emo-

there's a terrorist attack generated from Yemen?” Obama asked. “Do we then send more troops into there? Or Libya, perhaps? Or if there's a terrorist network that's operating anywhere else — in North Africa, or in Southeast Asia?” The potency of the Islamic State, along with the civil war in Syria that gave the group space to rise, dominated Obama's two days of talks in Turkey, where leaders from the Group of 20 rich and developing nations gathered at a seaside resort. From Turkey, Obama headed to Asia for regional summits in the Philippines and Malaysia.

The president said he was eager to see other nations step up the fight against the Islamic State. While the White House frequently heralds the more than 60 countries that are part of the coalition fighting the extremists, the U.S. has carried out the bulk of the airstrikes. □

Republican lawmakers may try to block Syrian refugee plan

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican lawmakers said on Monday they will try to use must-pass government spending legislation to block President Barack Obama's plans to increase the flow of Syrian refugees into the U.S. Several said the nation's refugee program should be suspended entirely following the deadly terror attacks Friday in Paris, in

which one perpetrator is believed to have been a Syrian refugee. The White House earlier this year announced plans to accept an additional 10,000 refugees from Syria, and administration officials said that would continue despite the events in Paris. Congress is facing a Dec. 11 deadline to approve a package of annual spending bills to keep the government running. Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions of Ala-

bama was among those suggesting Monday that the legislation should include provisions requiring congressional approval of increasing the number of refugees and funding, which could otherwise happen without Congress' approval. "The barbaric attacks in Paris — an assault on civilization itself — add immense new urgency," Sessions said in a letter to the leaders of the Senate Ap-

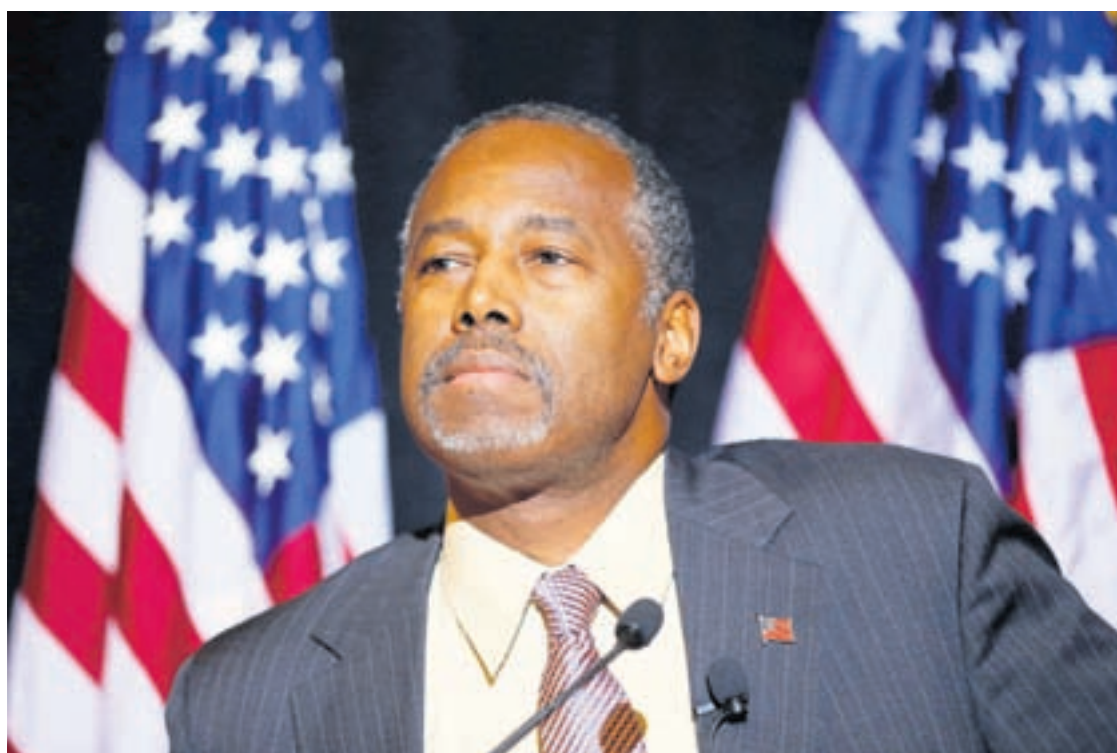
ropriations Committee. Absent congressional action, "The United States will begin resettling tens of thousands of poorly vetted Syrian refugees who will eventually be able to bring in their relatives," Sessions wrote. A number of House Republicans issued similar calls, including Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price of Georgia, who said the U.S. "must suspend our refugee program until certainty is

brought to the vetting process." With the federal funding deadline less than a month away, adding any contentious policy fight to the bill raises the prospect of a partial government shutdown. But new House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin did not rule out such an approach in an interview on Monday with conservative talk host Bill Bennett. □

Carson: Congress should stop funding refugee resettlement

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HENDERSON, Nevada (AP)

— Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson is calling on Congress to withdraw funding to resettle Syrian refugees in the United States, arguing in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks that there is no credible way to tell the difference between an Islamic State militant and an innocent civilian fleeing war. In a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan, Carson urged congressional Republicans to "extinguish" Syrian resettlement programs, saying the United States "cannot, should not and must not accept any Syrian refugees." Carson joins other Republican presidential candidates expressing caution or outright opposition to resettling Syrian refugees in the U.S. Elsewhere across the political landscape, at least 10 governors, including those in Michigan and Alabama,



Republican presidential candidate, Dr. Ben Carson speaks at a news conference, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, in Henderson, Nev. Carson called for Congress to cut off funding for resettlement of Syrian immigrants in the U.S.

(AP Photo/John Locher)

have taken action to block resettlements or said they are exploring their legal options. Members of the Republican-controlled Congress said on Monday they will try to use must-pass

government spending legislation to block President Barack Obama's plans to increase the flow of Syrian refugees into the U.S. Obama earlier this year announced plans to accept

as many as 10,000 Syrian refugees this fiscal year, up from 2,000 in fiscal 2015. The State Department manages refugee resettlement with the aid of private organizations like Catholic Char-

ities. Carson suggested no such practical solution exists where Syrian migrants are concerned. "This is a relatively unique situation for our country," he said. The nations of Europe, meanwhile, are dealing with hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees, dwarfing the number being debated by American politicians. Carson, a retired neurosurgeon who is near the top of many Republican presidential preference polls, joins Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio as candidates who have called for closing American borders to Syrians. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush suggested over the weekend that the United States restrict admission only to Syrian Christians. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal on Monday issued an executive order intended to block Syrian refugees from being resettled in his state. □

Premier wants Canada PM to halt resettling 25,000 refugees

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Associated Press
TORONTO (AP)

— A Canadian provincial leader called on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to suspend his plan to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year, citing security concerns in the wake of the Paris attacks. But Canada's health minister signaled Monday the Liberal government remains committed to the goal. Trudeau, who was elected

last month, campaigned on a plan to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by Jan. 1. Brad Wall, the Conservative premier of Saskatchewan province, sent a letter to Trudeau on Monday saying the current "date-driven" plan should be scrapped. Wall argued that a rushed refugee resettlement could have devastating results and said there needs to be appropriate screening and security checks. "Let's take as many as we

can but let's do it in a safe way," Wall said. "We're driving toward a date, 45 days from now, 25,000 refugees and I don't think it should be driven by a deadline and a quota." Trudeau, who was in Turkey on Monday for the Group of 20 summit, has given no indication that he will alter his refugee plan. His health minister, Jane Philpott, said the government is being mindful of health and security concerns while working

to address the urgent refugee crisis. "So while Paris is a tragic situation ... we have always known there are risks involved in this but we have always said we will be responsible and we will be address those risks in a responsible way," Philpott said. Several U.S. governors are threatening to halt efforts to allow Syrian refugees into their states in the aftermath of the attacks, responding to heightened concerns that terrorists

might use the refugees as cover to sneak across borders. Canadian Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, speaking last week before the Paris attacks, indicated that security screenings for Syrian refugees could take place both overseas and on Canadian soil. The government also has to determine where it will conduct health screenings; Philpott would not provide specifics Monday. □

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Clinton campaign defends Democrat's ties to Wall Street

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WASHINGTON (AP) — 2016

Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton defended her long-running ties to the nation's finance industry Monday, bringing out allies to argue that she would take a tough approach to regulating the industry despite receiving tens of millions in personal and campaign cash from Wall Street during her career.

Former Rep. Barney Frank, a driving force behind the 2010 financial overhaul law that bears his name, said it was wrong to suggest that lawmakers who pushed for the reforms were influenced by campaign donations from the financial services industry.

Frank said the bill was approved over the strenuous objections of Wall Street lobbyists and signed by President Barack Obama, whose 2008 campaign received large contributions from the industry.

"It's truly stupid, because if you look at the way things have worked, if you look at what Obama got in 2008 and what we then did, if you look at those of us who pushed through a bill over the greater objection of the financial industry, there's no argument there," said Frank, who was joined on a conference call set up by the Clinton campaign by Gary Gensler, the former chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and now a Clinton campaign adviser.

The issue of Clinton's ties to Wall Street are getting a fresh look after last week-end's Democratic presidential debate. The former New York senator invoked the 9/11 attacks during the event to defend herself

against suggestions by her main rival, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, that she is too cozy with Wall Street.

"We were attacked in downtown Manhattan where Wall Street is. I did spend a whole lot of time and effort helping them rebuild. That was good for New York. It was good for the economy and it was a way to rebuke the terrorists who had attacked our country," she said.

Clinton's opponents in both parties jumped on that comment, which provoked immediate blowback on social media and a rebuke from The New York Times editorial board. Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon said Monday it was "outrageous" to suggest she was trying to politicize the 9/11 attacks and people were trying to "make political mischief" with her remarks. Clinton has received far more in contributions from the financial industry than Sanders, whose campaign has been fueled mostly by small donations from across the country. Clinton's campaign has raised about \$7.3 million from the finance and insurance industry, according to Crowdpac.com, a nonpartisan political research company.

The industry also supported her husband, former President Bill Clinton, during his two White House campaigns and backed her campaigns to serve New York in the Senate.

But the campaigns of two of Clinton's would-be Republican challengers are taking in far more from Wall Street than her 2016 campaign. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz has raised \$22 million and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush \$21 million from donors working in the finance and insurance industry, according to Crowdpac. □



Hillary Rodham Clinton reacts as she talks to supporters in Des Moines, Iowa. Clinton defended her long-running ties to the nation's finance industry Monday, bringing out allies to argue that she would take a tough approach to regulating the industry.

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Secret Service officer appears in court in sexting case

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Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Delaware

(AP) — A Secret Service officer charged with trying to solicit a 14-year-old girl for sex made an initial appearance Monday in federal court, where he was told he could face 10 years in prison if convicted of trying to transfer obscene material to a minor.

The hearing was held just hours after Lee Robert Moore, 37, was released from a Delaware state prison into the custody of U.S. Marshals.

Moore appeared in court wearing blue jeans, sneakers and a long-sleeve shirt commemorating the 2001 Army-Navy football game. He nodded and smiled at his parents and wife, who was holding the couple's infant son, as they walked into the courtroom. The judge later agreed to delay the hearing for about 15 minutes while Moore's wife tended to the baby.

Magistrate Judge Sherry Fallon agreed to appoint a federal public defender to represent Moore, based on a financial affidavit he submitted to the court.



This booking photo shows Lee Robert Moore. Federal authorities say Moore, a Secret Service agent from Maryland, sent obscene images and texts to someone he thought was a young Delaware girl, sometimes doing it while on duty at the White House. (Delaware Department of Justice via AP)

"I'm satisfied that you qualify for court-appointed counsel," Fallon told Moore, who posted \$105,000 secured bond last week on separate state charges of

sexual solicitation of a child under 18 and providing obscene material to a minor. A bail agent said last week that a third party paid the \$10,500 that allowed

Moore to be released on bond in state court. Court records also show that Moore and his wife were the subjects of debt collection actions in Maryland in 2006 and again in 2008.

Fallon scheduled a preliminary hearing for Thursday, at which time she will consider a motion by federal prosecutors to detain Moore pending trial.

Moore's public defenders declined to comment on the case.

Moore surrendered to authorities in Maryland on Nov. 9 after being caught in an undercover online sex sting by Delaware State Police.

His arrest brings new scrutiny to a federal agency already reeling from a series of scandals stretching back to 2012, when more than a dozen agents and officers were implicated in hiring prostitutes during a South American presidential trip. Since then, multiple agents and officers have been accused of wrongdoing. Former agency director Julia Pierson was ousted last year after the disclosure of two security breaches, including an incident in

which a man armed with a knife was able to scale a White House fence and run deep into the executive mansion.

According to a federal complaint unsealed last week, Moore often engaged in online chats while on duty at the White House, once asking an undercover officer who he thought was a 14-year-old girl to send him something "exciting" on a day when he was checking IDs for a building entrance and complained that "work sucks today."

The Secret Service issued a statement saying Moore's security clearance was suspended Nov. 6, the same day the matter was reported to its Office of Professional Responsibility.

Delaware State Police Detective Kevin McKay said in an affidavit that Moore connected with him using two social media applications while McKay was posing online as a 14-year-old girl.

"He stated he wanted to travel to Delaware and meet in person for sex. Moore made it clear that he knew I was a 14 yr old girl," McKay wrote. □

Trump says he would consider closing certain mosques

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Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Re-

publican presidential candidate Donald Trump says he would consider closing U.S. mosques with radical leadership because of the Paris attacks if he were elected president.

"I would hate to do it, but it's something that you're going to have to strongly consider," Trump told MSNBC in a telephone phone interview Monday.

Trump and his rivals have been working to articulate

how they would respond to last week's attacks, which killed 129 people and left hundreds wounded.

Trump, who has been pushing for a more aggressive response, also said Americans must reassess some of their civil liberties in response to growing threats from the Islamic State group.

"We have to be much tougher," he said in another interview on CNBC. "We are going to have to give up certain privileges that we've always had."

"Surveillance took a big turn over the last 48 hours," he added. "Forty-eight hours ago everybody was saying, 'Well we want our freedoms, we don't want this to happen.' And now, all of sudden, people are saying, 'Hey listen, you can listen to my phone conversations.'"

That surveillance, he argued, should include intelligence-gathering in and around mosques.

"Well you're going to have to watch and study the mosques because a lot

of talk is going on at the mosques," said Trump, who complained that New York City, where he lives, has ramped down its efforts to infiltrate places of Muslim worship.

Trump appeared to be referring to the New York Police Department's Demographics Unit, which The Associated Press reported in 2011 was spying on Muslims and mosques around the city with help from the CIA. The group assembled databases on where Muslims lived, shopped, worked

and prayed, infiltrated Muslim student groups, put informants in mosques and monitored sermons.

The NYPD, under Mayor Bill de Blasio, announced it had abandoned the program in April of last year following lawsuits and complaints.

Trump told a weekend rally that things would have turned out differently in Paris had the victims of the attacks been armed with guns. He repeated that assertion in the CNBC phone interview. □

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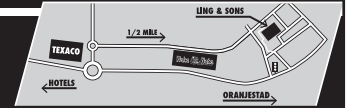
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US adds foreign students, but few Americans study abroad

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The number of international students studying at U.S. colleges increased by 10 percent last year, marking the largest single-year gain in 35 years, according to new federal data. Meanwhile, the number of Americans studying abroad grew by only 5 percent, falling short of expectations.

The findings were released Monday from an annual study by the nonprofit Institute of International Education and the U.S. Department of State.

Of almost 1 million students that came to the U.S. in the 2014-15 school year, about a third came from China, the most from any country. But much of last year's growth is credited to a surge in the number of students who came from India, drawn by strong research programs, experts say.

In all, the number of Indian students in the U.S. grew by 30 percent to more than 130,000, the biggest jump since the nonprofit started collecting data in 1954.

"That increase has been primarily at the graduate level, and we know that Indian students have always been very attracted to the availability of excellent science and research facilities on U.S. campuses," said Rajika Bhandari, the nonprofit's deputy vice president for research and evaluation.

Numbers coming from Brazil spiked, too, from 13,000 to 23,000, but Brazilians still made up only 2 percent of international students in the U.S.

For the second consecutive year, New York University hosted the largest number of international students, at more than 13,000.

It's followed by the University of Southern California, Columbia University and Arizona State University, which each hosted more than 11,000 international students last year.

At the University of Southern California, the number of Indian students has gone from 1,300 to more than 2,000 since 2012. At other schools like Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, populations of Indian students have increased over time but held steady in recent years.

The Institute of International Education reported that international students contributed \$30 billion to the U.S. economy last year. The U.S. remains the top destination for international students, but relatively few Americans study abroad. About 300,000 U.S. students left the country to study in the 2013-14 school year, the most recent year for which figures for Americans are available, a number that has risen steadily but still accounts for less than 2 percent of all U.S. undergraduate students.

"This rate of growth is not good enough," Bhandari said. "We really do need to double or even triple this rate of growth."

To boost those numbers, the U.S. Department of State said it's opening a new study abroad office offering information on programs and scholarships.

"We are going to be working very actively on outreach to explain the benefits of study abroad and encourage more Americans to participate," said Marianne Craven, the acting deputy assistant secretary of state for academic programs. The office plans to launch its website this week, Craven said. □



This photo shows Timothy P. White, Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside, visiting UCR students who are studying abroad in London. The number of international students studying at U.S. colleges increased by 10 percent last year, marking the largest single-year gain in 35 years, according to new federal data. Meanwhile, the number of Americans studying abroad grew by only 5 percent, falling short of expectations.

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France IDs top Paris attacks figure, seeks unity to bomb IS

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PARIS (AP) — France identified a 27-year-old Belgian who once boasted about killing “infidels” and fought for the Islamic State group

the victims came from at least 19 nations, and the international community, led by the United States and Russia, must overcome their deep-seated divisions over Syria to destroy Islamic State on its home turf.

world has ever known and the international community is still too divided and too incoherent.”

As he spoke, thousands gathered around candlelit memorials at the Place de la Republique square and

stormy seas — projected in white lights near its base.

French and other Western intelligence agencies face an urgent challenge to track down the surviving members of the three Islamic State units who inflicted the unprecedented bloodshed in France and, perhaps more importantly, to target their distant commanders in IS-controlled parts of Syria.

A French security official said anti-terror intelligence officials had identified Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian of Moroccan descent, as chief architect of the Friday the 13th attacks on a rock concert, a soccer game and popular nightspots in one of Paris’ trendiest districts.

The official cited chatter from IS figures that Abaaoud had recommended a concert as an ideal target for inflicting maximum casualties, as well as electronic communications between Abaaoud and one of the Paris attackers who blew himself up.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive investigation. Abaaoud came to public attention last year by boasting in an IS propaganda video about his pride in piling the dead bodies of “infidel” enemies into a trailer. Anti-terror agencies previously linked him to a series of abortive

shooting plots this year in Belgium and France, including a planned attack on a passenger train that was thwarted by American passengers who overpowered the lone gunman.

French police have used emergency powers to conduct 168 searches since Sunday night that netted 127 arrests and 31 weapons.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said police seized a Kalashnikov assault rifle, three automatic pistols and a bulletproof vest from a suspected arms dealer with jihadist sympathies, and a rocket launcher and other military-grade gear from his parents’ home.

But police have yet to announce the capture of anyone suspected of direct involvement in Friday’s slaughter. Seven attackers died — six after detonating suicide belts and a seventh from police gunfire — but Iraqi intelligence officials told The Associated Press that its sources indicated 19 participated in the attack and five others provided hands-on logistical support. French police accidentally permitted the suspected driver of one group of gunmen, 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam, to avoid arrest at the border Saturday and cross to his native Belgium. □

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French President Francois Hollande arrives to deliver a speech at the Versailles castle, west of Paris, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. French President Francois Hollande is addressing parliament about France’s response to the Paris attacks, in a rare speech to lawmakers gathered in the majestic congress room of the Palace of Versailles.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

in Syria as the mastermind of the Paris attacks, and President Francois Hollande vowed Monday to forge a united coalition capable of defeating the jihadists at home and abroad.

Addressing lawmakers after France observed a minute of silence honoring the 129 people killed and 350 wounded, Hollande said

“Friday’s acts of war were decided and planned in Syria. They were organized in Belgium and perpetrated on our soil with French complicity with one specific goal: to sow fear and to divide us,” Hollande told Parliament in a rare joint session convened at the Palace of Versailles.

“Syria has become the biggest factory of terrorism the

beneath the Eiffel Tower, which like many top attractions in one of the world’s most-visited cities reopened for business Monday in a defiant spirit. The tower was bathed in red, white and blue floodlights of the French tricolor, with the city’s centuries-old slogan — “Tossed but not sunk,” suggesting an unsinkable city braving

World leaders vow to step up anti-terror efforts after Paris

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Associated Press

ANTALYA, Turkey (AP) — World leaders vowed Monday to boost intelligence-sharing, cut off terrorist funding and strengthen border security in Europe, as they sought to show resolve and unity following the Islamic State’s deadly terror attacks in Paris.

U.S. President Barack Obama said the militant group was “the face of evil” and urged other nations to do more to combat the threat it poses. Still, he resisted calls to esca-

late U.S. military action and open a large-scale ground war, saying he would instead intensify the American-led airstrike campaign, as well as efforts to train and equip moderate rebels. “We need to be doing everything we can to protect against attacks and protect our citizens,” Obama said at a news conference closing two days of talks with leaders from the Group of 20 rich and developing nations.

Added German Chancellor Angela Merkel: “We agreed that the challenge can’t just be tackled with

military means, but only a multitude of measures.”

While the summit resulted in plenty of tough talk and blistering condemnations of the Paris attacks, leaders spoke mostly in broad strokes of their pledges to intensify the anti-Islamic State campaign.

Russian President Vladimir Putin emphasized the need to cut off the militants’ ability to generate revenue through oil smuggling. And British Prime Minister David Cameron announced plans to host a donor conference early next year to raise “sig-

nificant new funding” to tackle the flood of refugees spilling out of Syria. “None of this is a substitute for the next urgent need of all: to find a political solution that brings peace to Syria and enables the millions of refugees to return home,” Cameron said. The leaders’ meeting came against the backdrop of heavy French bombardment of the Islamic State’s stronghold in Syria. The U.S. was expanding its intelligence sharing with the French and helping them identify targets, according to American officials. The

G-20 meeting in the Turkish seaside resort of Antalya was planned long before the Paris attacks, which left at least 129 people dead and hundreds wounded. But the violence intensified the discussions, resulting in a flurry of meetings on the sidelines of the summit about the situation in Syria, where the 4½-year civil war has created a vacuum for the Islamic State to thrive. Leaders are particularly concerned that the militants appear to be increasingly focused on striking targets outside their base in Iraq and Syria. □



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US-China rivalry, Paris attack in spotlight at Manila summit

JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— Tensions with China and the Paris attacks could upstage trade issues at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, being held under extra-heavy security in the Philippine capital this week.

President Barack Obama and the leaders of China, Japan, Mexico and other nations in the 21-member APEC bloc are converging with 7,000 officials, CEOs and other participants at a convention center by Manila Bay.

The meetings culminate in a 2-day summit of leaders beginning Wednesday.

Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, is skipping the Manila meetings, partly to focus on an investigation into the Oct. 31 crash of a Russian passenger jet in Egypt that killed all 224 people on board. He will be represented by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev. Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo will likely stay home to deal with domestic problems, according to Philippine officials.

Founded in 1989 in Canberra, Australia, APEC aims to demolish barriers to trade and investment through nonbinding accords. The unwieldy grouping of countries and self-governing territories that range from liberal democracies to dictatorships accounts for 3 billion people, half of global trade and 60 percent of world GDP.

Critics say APEC, which has focused mainly on economic and trade issues, has few concrete achievements because of its non-binding status. They dub it a talk shop and joke the

acronym means "A Perfect Excuse to Chat." But proponents believe those qualities are its strengths.

"That's exactly the beauty of APEC, you don't have to worry about committing yourself to anything because it's non-binding," said Philippine Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima. "It gives leaders the freedom to bounce ideas, new ideas."

Though members tend to shy away from divisive security and geopolitical issues, rifts and political strife often overshadow the annual show of unity that is symbolized by the photo-op of leaders dressed in quirky or traditional shirts provided by the host country. Friday's attacks in Paris that killed at least 129 people have already created a dilemma for APEC. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks on a stadium, a concert hall and Paris cafes.

Behind closed doors, senior diplomats were divided over whether to issue a statement on the attacks or let each leader speak



A police officer adjusts his riot gear outside of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) venue in Manila, Philippines, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. Providing security for a summit of world leaders including President Barack Obama and his Chinese counterpart is a huge undertaking for any country. (AP Photo/Wally Santana)

on his or her own. The compromise: a paragraph on terrorism is being added to the APEC summit statement.

One diplomat rejected any mention of the attacks in the statement, fearing it would draw the Islamic State group's attention to

APEC, said a Southeast Asian diplomat who attended the meetings. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because the conversations were not intended to be public.

The diplomat said the United States wanted a strongly worded response and

APEC's response could still change when the leaders meet.

They have a precedent. APEC leaders issued a statement in Shanghai in October 2001 to condemn the attacks in the U.S. the month before and vowed to help combat terrorism. □

Report: UN chief to visit North Korea this week

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Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will visit Pyongyang this week for a possible meeting with leader Kim Jong Un, a South Korean news report said.

The possible trip comes six months after Pyongyang at the last minute canceled an invitation for Ban to visit an inter-Korean factory park in the North Korean city of Kaesong. Ban

has said North Korea gave no reason for the cancellation. He had not planned to visit Pyongyang at that time. Yonhap news agency cited an unidentified source in the U.N. when it reported Sunday about Ban's Pyongyang trip. It gave no details on the purpose of the trip or the day it would take place.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric and Seoul's Unification Ministry said they had no comment.

If the trip does take place,

Ban would be the first U.N. head to visit North Korea since Boutros Boutros-Ghali in 1993.

Yonhap, quoting another unidentified U.N. source, said Ban is expected to meet Kim because it's unlikely for the secretary general to visit a U.N. member state without meeting the country's leader.

That source was quoted as saying Ban's trip could serve as a breakthrough in the standoff over North Korea's nuclear

weapons program and strained ties between the two Koreas. Ban was South Korea's foreign minister before taking up the top U.N. job.

Ban had said before his canceled Kaesong park trip that he hoped his visit would help improve ties between the Koreas. Analysts in Seoul said at the time that Pyongyang may have scrapped the trip because it felt Ban would back only the views of Washington and Seoul. □

Anti-migrant mood deepens in Europe after Paris



Serbian police officers trying to organise migrants queuing to get registered at a refugee center in the southern Serbian town of Presevo, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. Refugees fleeing war by the tens of thousands fear the Paris attacks could prompt Europe to close its doors, especially after police said a Syrian passport found next to one attacker's body suggested its owner passed through Greece into the European Union and on through Macedonia and Serbia last month.

(AP Photo/Darko Vojinovic)

VANESSA GERA
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Even before the Paris attacks, the mood in Central Europe was decidedly anti-migrant, with fences going up on borders, a Syrian beaten on a Polish street last week and the rhetoric sharp across the region. Now the bloodshed unleashed by Islamic extremists is deepening fears of Muslims and threatening to create an atmosphere even less welcoming for those fleeing war in the Middle East. On the Slovenian-Austrian border over the weekend, the armies of both nations strip-searched migrants on their westward march amid heightened security, causing large numbers to build up at a refugee camp.

The shifting mood could threaten European efforts to find unity on the migration crisis. A new anti-migrant government in Poland already is casting doubt on whether it will take all 7,000 refugees the previous government agreed to accept. Poland, Hungary and other countries across the region — many of them multicultural lands in the past — have been largely mono-ethnic Christian societies since the mass killings and expulsions of World War II, and resistance there has been especially stiff toward Muslims, who are largely seen as threats to national identity. Many of these nations faced threats to their very nationhood in the past, with Poland wiped off the map in the 19th century, Hungary

losing two-thirds of its territory after World War I, and nations across the region subjected to Soviet control during the Cold War — all factors seen as contributing to anxieties over nationhood. That one of the suicide bombers appears to be a Syrian who passed through Greece in October is also deepening a belief among many that the refugees should be seen as potential terrorists. "All of Europe should now be opposed to the migrants," said Cristian Albu, a legal expert in Romania. "We have to prevent what happened in Paris happening elsewhere." Even some of the migrants themselves are worried about the security gaps that have come with the largest movement of refugees across European

borders since World War II. Some say they fear that the same Islamic State extremists they are fleeing will infiltrate the masses of migrants, carry out more attacks and create greater distrust of legitimate asylum-seekers.

"Europe made a big mistake. They should not allow all the people," said Emile Tarabeh, a customs officer from Syria at a migrant center in Presevo, Serbia, who is hoping to reach Sweden. "It will be more difficult now" for the real refugees, he said.

Joanna Fomina, a migration expert at the Polish Academy of Sciences, said expressions of anti-Muslim sentiment have exploded online since the Paris attacks, with some people essentially saying "I told you so" or saying Muslims should be gassed like Jews during the Holocaust. "This attack will increase public and political polarization over the issue of refugees, convincing those who are already prejudiced that their fears are well-grounded," Fomina said. "We also can expect more Euroskepticism — negative attitudes towards the EU and migration go hand in hand."

On Monday, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who has taken a prominent anti-migrant stance, criticized the EU as "adrift." "It is weak, uncertain and paralyzed," he told the Parliament in Budapest. "In Brussels they continue to say that immigration is good, even while we get new evidence every day that immigration is a bad thing." □

Gunfire, clashes with Israeli troops kill 2 Palestinians

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian demonstrators erupted in a West Bank refugee camp overnight Monday after Israeli forces arrived to demolish the home of a Palestinian militant, leaving two Palestinians dead. It was the latest bloodshed in a two-month wave of violence between Israelis and Palestinians.

Amid the unrest, Israel recently renewed a policy of demolishing homes belonging to Palestinians accused in deadly attacks. Israel says the policy deters attacks, but critics say the tactic amounts to collective punishment.

In Monday's violence, the Israeli military said troops entered the Qalandiya refugee camp on the outskirts of Jerusalem to demolish the home of Muhammad Abu Shaheen, a Palestinian who the army says fatally shot an Israeli motorist in the West Bank this summer. Abu Shaheen is now in an Israeli prison. After the troops arrived, hundreds of Palestinians gathered and many threw firebombs and rocks as the Israeli forces demolished the home, and troops fired rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the protesters, the military said.

According to Palestinian Health Ministry spokesman Mohammed Awawdeh, a 21-year-old and a 28-year-old were killed in a shootout. □

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Tricky candidates on ballot vex Venezuela opposition

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Associated Press

MARACAY, Venezuela
(AP) —

The ballot for congressional elections is dizzying enough in this industrial state, with more than two dozen parties competing in a contest that represents the stiffest challenge in 16 years for Venezuela's ruling socialist party.

But most worrisome for incumbent Ismael Garcia, a fierce opponent of the South American country's deeply-unpopular socialist administration, is a 28-year-old parking lot attendant whose name will appear directly beside his on the ballot, under a nearly identical party title and blue logo. The younger man is also named Ismael Garcia. And three weeks ahead of the Dec. 6 vote he has yet to make a public appearance or even explain his platform. The result has been a bizarre campaign in which 61-year-old political veteran Ismael Garcia is mostly focused on helping voters identify him correctly when they go to the polls. Opposition leaders say the race in Maracay is just the most brazen example of a trick the socialist party, which has never lost a national election, is using in its effort to keep control of the National Assembly despite dismal approval ratings. With the world's highest inflation, second-highest homicide rate, and a deepening recession, just 10 percent of voters say they are happy with how things are going. Polling suggests the opposition could win control of the 165-seat congress by a landslide.

"It shows how crazy and desperate the government has become. They have fake candidates posing as the opposition in al-

most every contest in the country," the older Garcia said, canvassing a neighborhood of low-slung cinderblock homes where he handed out a mock-up of the ballot with a bright red arrow pointing to his name. Supporters trailed Garcia as the congressional campaign for re-election, calling out the opposition's slogan for the district, which it won by a slim margin in the last legislative elections: "Don't get confused." It would be easy enough to make a mistake. The opposition Garcia's party is called MUD Unity, while the name of the younger Garcia's party is just two letters different: MIN Unity.

There are fewer than 150 adults in Venezuela named Ismael Garcia, according to state records. The young Garcia running in Maracay happens to work at the outdoor parking lot across from his rival's office. The congressman's staffers park their cars among stray dogs and rusty pickups there every day, but only realized this past week that their opponent was the heavyset young man with spiky gelled hair they see on their way out.

In his first public comments, the younger candidate told The Associated Press that he can't help it if the other Ismael Garcia — or as he called his opponent, "the old Ismael" — feels threatened. "Everyone has a right to participate," he said. "I can't change my name." While Venezuela's political system turns on two poles — socialism and the opposition — it also supports more than 100 smaller parties that rarely run their own candidates, and instead tend to negotiate agreements with one of the two camps. □



A supporter holds political propaganda of opposition candidate Ismael Garcia, from the MUD Unity party, explaining how to mark a vote for him for the upcoming Congressional elections as he visits houses in Maracay, Venezuela.
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Puerto Ricans fear for their health as federal cuts loom

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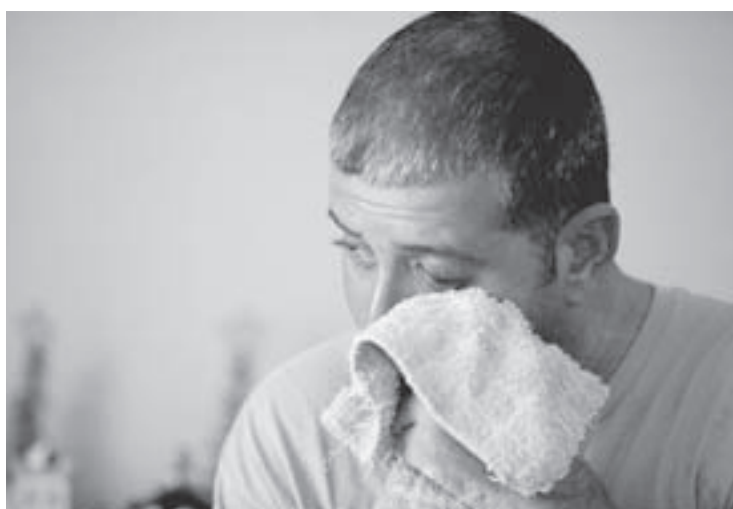
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— An incurable disease has given Jose Gonzalez Ortiz the health of an old man at age 42, and the collapsing Puerto Rican health system only adds to his pain.

He was refused the \$300 worth of monthly medications he needs to treat the degenerative illness known as Lou Gehrig's disease that attacks the cells that control his muscles. His health care plan won't pay for the respiratory equipment that doctors say would ease his breathing. Unable to walk, he lurches about on a walker donated by his church because he was denied a wheelchair for his amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS.

"I'm so angry and frustrated," the former prison guard said at his home in the seaside town of Arecibo.

Despite the Christmas tree and lights his wife put up early to cheer up their home, this is a gloomy season for Gonzalez and 2.37



Jose Gonzalez Ortiz, 42, who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease, uses a towel to wipe away his tears while being interviewed by the Associated Press at his home in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The 42-year-old former prison guard struggled moving from the porch to inside his modest concrete house, using a walker that his church donated because Puerto Rico's straining public health care system won't pay for a wheelchair, and will soon be picking up the bill for less. (AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

million of other Puerto Ricans who rely on a health system funded by Medicaid and Medicare.

The island is bracing for steep funding cuts to federal health care plans that serve nearly 70 percent of the U.S. territory's 3.5 million people. Local officials have been talking with the federal government about the proposed funding loss, but believe they will be

implemented nevertheless. The cuts will affect the entire U.S., but Puerto Rico is expected to feel them more acutely because the island already receives lower funding levels than the mainland, it has a poverty level higher than any U.S. state and it is already in the midst of an economic crisis and a nearly decade-long recession.

"There's a devastating

crisis coming on," said Dr. Jose Carlo Izquierdo, a neurologist and dean of the University of Puerto Rico's medical school.

Funding for Puerto Rico's Medicare Advantage program, serving about 560,000 of the island's more disadvantaged people, will be slashed by 11 percent in January, a move expected to lead to more expensive copays and the loss of some benefits. More cuts to Medicaid are anticipated over the next two years, affecting about 1.6 million Puerto Ricans like Gonzalez who rely on the funds through Mi Salud, a local government health care plan.

"Things are becoming worse and worse and worse, and we're not seeing the light at the end of the tunnel," said his wife, Brenda Torres Lopez.

Puerto Rico spends about \$11 billion a year on health care, while the federal government provides nearly \$6 billion through Medicare and Medicaid programs and is on track to cut at least half of that

through 2017.

Medical care experts say the cuts will pressure doctors and hospitals to provide services for less money, and more physicians will likely leave Puerto Rico for better pay on the U.S. mainland.

Meanwhile, few doctors with specialties would remain on an island where about 45 percent live in poverty and the number of those 65 and older increased by 28 percent from 2000 to 2012.

"It's a perfect storm," said Dr. Antonio Puras Baez, a surgeon and chair of the urology department at the University of Puerto Rico. "Patients will be left without services."

Officials say Medicaid reimbursements for Puerto Rico are already 70 percent lower than on the U.S. mainland, while Medicare reimbursements are 40 percent lower. Medicaid provides health care for people of limited resources, while Medicare serves people 65 and older and those younger with certain disabilities. □

Argentine presidential candidates blast each other in debate

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Argentina's two presidential candidates on Sunday claimed the other was lying and running from his record during a debate filled with barbs that were clearly aimed at appealing to undecided voters a week before an historic runoff election.

Ruling party candidate Daniel Scioli, the chosen successor of outgoing President Cristina Fernandez, said the economic ideas of opposition candidate Mauricio Macri "were a

danger for society" and would "bring Argentina to its knees."

Scioli, the governor of the vast Buenos Aires province, argued that a devaluation of the Argentine peso was inevitable under Macri, as were cuts to popular social welfare programs for the poor and subsidies for everything from gas bills to bus fares.

"Who is going to pay for the huge devaluation?" said Scioli.

Macri, the mayor of Buenos Aires who has run on free-market ideas, countered that the biggest problem

facing the country was a government that "never stopped lying to people." Macri said that lowering poverty rates by revitalizing sagging sectors of the economy, such as the national railroad system, would be a central focus on his administration.

"I don't think people are afraid" of changes, said Macri, speaking Scioli. "I think you all are the ones who are afraid because you have abused power."

The election comes at a time when Latin America's third largest economy is stagnated. Many Argen-

tines are frustrated by inflation near 30 percent, restrictions on buying U.S. dollars and few job opportunities.

At the same time, Argentines have nightmarish memories of the country's 2001-2002 financial crisis, when Argentina defaulted on \$100 billion in debt and millions were plunged into poverty. That recent history makes any discussion of economic changes particularly sensitive.

In last month's presidential election, Scioli got 37 percent of the vote compared to 34 percent for

Macri. The tight finish means a runoff on Nov. 22. While Scioli got more votes in the first round, Macri has become the front-runner, according to polls in recent weeks that put him ahead by as many as 8 percentage points. Macri finished much better than expected, particularly in the province of Buenos Aires, which has 40 percent of Argentina's 41 million people. Four additional candidates who ran in the first round will not be on the runoff ballot, meaning nearly 30 percent of the electorate is up for grabs. □



Culinary Memories from Mexico

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The Mexican cuisine is traditionally a fusion of indigenous Mesoamerican cooking with European, mostly Spanish, elements added

chicken and meat, a variety of vegetables and well balanced use of some typically spicy peppers, which in this month's menu will be combined with more traditional Caribbean influences.

Naturally, for a foodie like Chef Urvin, the opportunity to explore Mexico's food fare was a delight, and he tried everything from the highest gourmet cuisine to the street side taquerías. It was here in Mexico where Chef Urvin tried the spici-

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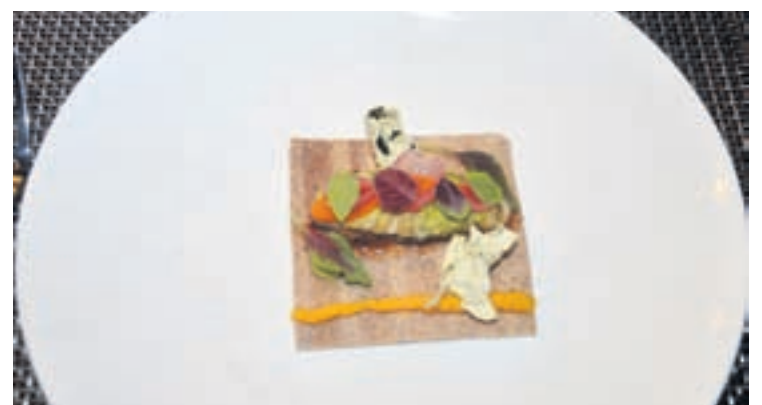
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ORANJESTAD – Local press members got a chance to taste Chef Augusto Riofrio Mapelli's new delights. It was recently that Renaissance Aruba Resort and Casino welcomed Chef Augusto Riofrio Mapelli as the new Chef of the resort's luxurious L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House restaurant. The new menu features Spin-

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ECLAC Executive Secretary Bárcena Condemns Paris Attacks

--The Executive Secretary of the United Nations regional organization, Alicia Bárcena, sent a letter of condolences to President François Hollande.

ORANJESTAD - The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena, condemned the devastating attacks that occurred in Paris on the night of Friday, November 13, in a letter addressed to the President of France, François Hollande, and expressed her solidarity with the more than 120 people of diverse nationalities who were killed and the roughly 350 persons wounded.

"We feel the wound inflicted upon France as our own. This aggression hurts the essential foundations of our humanity," ECLAC's most senior representative said in the note, adding she hopes that the wounded recover promptly and the justice system acts quickly. The complete text of the letter follows:

François Hollande
President of the Republic of France

Esteemed President,
Shocked by the devastating attacks that occurred in Paris on the night of last Friday, November 13. Those of us who make up the United Nations' Eco-

nomie Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) hope that you and, through you, all the citizens of France may receive our condolences

and the 350 people wounded by the criminal horror committed by these cowards. We wish for your prompt recovery and that the justice system quickly

This aggression hurts the essential foundations of our shared humanity. Today, joined together, we all have been offended, but in light of this ferocious challenge, this blow of terror, we also raise our voice together to say that they will not silence our basic principles. Because we are part of that community that dreams of a future drawn with the colors that were born in your land, and that in the face of dogmatism and death, violence and hate, we insist upon building egalitarian, fraternal and caring societies. President, at this sad and unjust time, receive our affection and a warm embrace, an expression of the shared pain of Latin Americans and Caribbeans grieving this tragedy.

Faternally,
Alicia Bárcena
Executive Secretary
ECLAC



The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena.

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and solidarity. Our thoughts accompany your nation and the families and friends of the 129 fatal victims of diverse nation-

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U.S. beats the Netherlands to reach semis of Premier12

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Zack Segovia gave up one run on three hits over five innings as the United States beat the Netherlands 6-1 on Monday to advance to the semifinals of the Premier12 baseball tournament.

Segovia recorded 15 outs, 10 via groundouts, to improve to 2-0 in the tournament.

Team USA, made up of players not on 40-man major league rosters, took advantage of four errors by the Netherlands in the fifth inning to take a 3-1 lead.

Jacob May had the lone hit in the fifth, an RBI single up the middle to score Eliot Soto, who reached on an error.

Brooks Pounders took over for Segovia in the sixth and pitched four scoreless innings, allowing only one hit while striking out three.

Adam Frazier doubled in a run in the seventh and scored from third on a sacrifice fly by Matt McBride to make it 5-1.

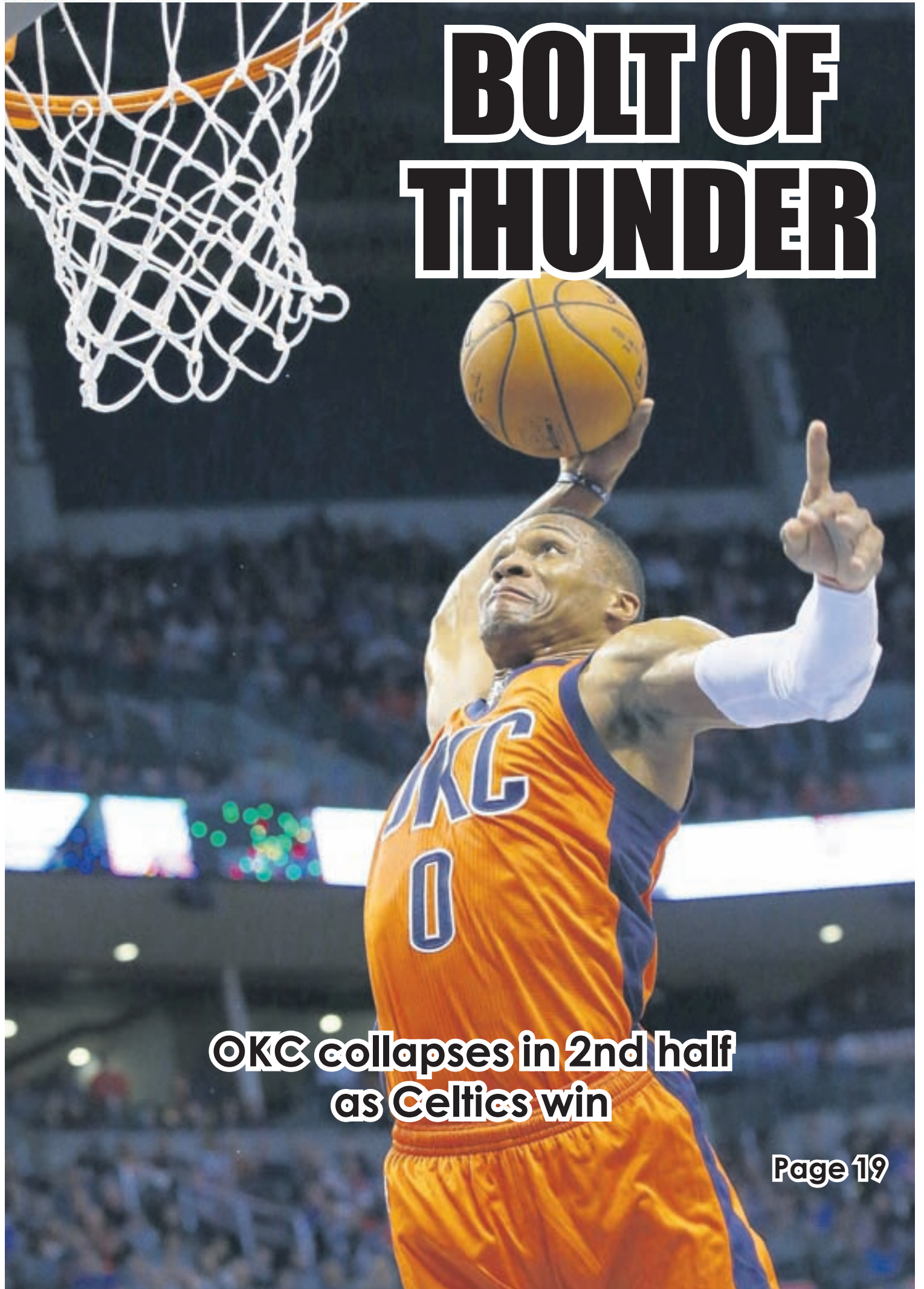
The U.S. added another run in the eighth after Brett Phillips tripled to right field and scored on a sacrifice fly.

"After we scored a few runs and got some momentum we were OK," Team USA manager Willie Randolph said. "That inning snowballed a bit and once we saw they had trouble fielding bunts, we went back to it." The U.S. will face Mexico in the semifinals. Mexico scored three runs in the eighth inning for a 4-3 win over Canada.

Japan face South Korea in the other semifinal. Japan beat Puerto Rico 9-3 and South Korea defeated Cuba 7-2.

The semifinals will take place on Thursday and Friday at Tokyo Dome. □

BOLT OF THUNDER



OKC collapses in 2nd half as Celtics win

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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) goes up for a dunk during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Boston Celtics in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015. Boston won 100-85.

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Cubs' Bryant, Astros' Correa voted top MLB rookies

MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Chicago Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant was a unanimous pick as NL Rookie of the Year, and Houston Astros shortstop Carlos Correa was voted the AL honor.

Bryant made his debut on April 17 and became an NL All-Star. The 23-year-old hit .275, leading big league rookies with 26 homers, 31 doubles and 99 RBIs as Chicago returned to the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

He received all 30 first-place votes for 150 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America in balloting announced Monday. San Francisco third baseman Matt Duffy was second with 70 points and Pittsburgh infielder Jung Ho Kang third with 28 points.

Correa, the top pick in the



This Feb. 26, 2015, file photo, shows Carlos Correa of the Houston Astros, who was selected as the AL Rookie of the Year on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. Associated Press

2012 amateur draft, made his debut June 8 and hit .279 with 22 homers, 68 RBIs and 14 steals, helping the Astros make their first postseason appearance in a decade. The youngest position player in the major leagues, he turned 21 in September.

Correa received 17 firsts and 13 seconds for 124 points. Cleveland shortstop Francisco Lindor was second with 13 firsts, 14 seconds and two thirds for 109 points, and Minnesota designated hitter Miguel Sano was third with 20 points.



This 2015 file photo shows Chicago Cubs' Kris Bryant, who was selected as the NL Rookie of the Year on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. Associated Press

Houston's only previous Rookie of the Year was Jeff Bagwell, who won the 1991 NL honor. Bryant is the Cubs' sixth winner and first since catcher Geovany Soto in 2008.

Bryant and Correa each had the \$507,500 minimum

salary in the majors. Chicago brought up Bryant after ensuring he cannot be a free agent until after the 2021 season, and Houston gave Correa his debut after making sure he won't be arbitration eligible until following the 2018 season. □

AP Exclusive: A Soviet sprinter who said no to steroids

MISHA DZHINDZHIKHASHVILI

Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — The story of my close call with doping in the Soviet Union began in 1967, when I was 17 and had just returned home from training camp, deeply disappointed not to have made the national youth track team. I was the 100-meter and 400-meter champion for runners 17 or younger in Georgia, which at the time was one of the 15 republics that made up the Soviet Union.

Determined to make the national team, consisting of four runners at each distance, I switched to a new trainer who had recently come to Georgia from Russia.

My new trainer was fo-



Associated Press correspondent Misha Dzhindzhikhashvili holds a 1970 photo, showing him running during the All-Union track-and-field youth competitions in Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, Russia, in Tbilisi, Georgia, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. Associated Press

cused on my setting new Georgian records in the 100 and 200 meters before I turned 18. I had slacked off in the 200 in the Georgian championships, finishing second, but the shorter sprints were still my strength.

Also in 1967, I was part of the Georgian team that took bronze in the 4x100 relay in the first national youth games, held in Kiev. To set the Georgian record in the 100, I only needed to cut my time by one tenth of a second. But no

matter what I did, nothing worked. The problem was that my start was too slow. My new trainer suggested I start taking anabolic steroids to put on the muscle mass I needed to get up to speed more quickly. I had all but agreed, especially after he assured me that all famous athletes, particularly in track, took steroids. He told me I would be sure to make the national team, and promised to provide imported drugs, which were of a better quality than those produced in the Soviet Union.

Even though I was persuaded, I decided to ask my mother, who was a well-known doctor. She was horrified! She categorically forbade me to take steroids. At first she

spoke to me in a harsh tone, but perhaps seeing the stubbornness in my eyes, she switched tactics and told me that taking anabolic steroids could cause impotence. That did it for me. I refused to take the steroids and began to train even harder. However, I soon began to notice that many of my competitors around the Soviet Union were seeing sharp improvements in their times. My trainer attributed this to doping. But my mother's authority was higher.

I continued to run on the Georgian team, transitioning to the junior competitions for athletes 19 or younger, and I ran for a while even after entering Georgia State University in Tbilisi. □

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Jazz hangs on for 97-96 win at Hawks

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Derrick Favors scored 23 points, Rodney Hood added 20 points and the Utah Jazz beat the Atlanta Hawks 97-96 on Sunday night to end a three-game skid.

Paul Millsap had a season-high 28 points for the Hawks but failed to hit the rim on a 3-point attempt in the final minute and missed a 12-footer at the buzzer.

Atlanta has lost three of four. Point guard Jeff Teague sat out with a sore ankle, leaving the Hawks without their second-leading scorer. Dennis Schroder finished with 11 points, nine assists and no turnovers in his absence.

Utah took a seven-point lead on Alec Burks' runner with 2:20 remaining.

Al Horford and Kent Bazemore each had 16 points for the Hawks. Horford's 3 with 33 seconds left made it 97-96. Favors missed a jumper on the next possession but grabbed the rebound from Millsap's miss to seal it.

CELTICS 100, THUNDER 85

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Marcus Smart scored a career-high 26 points to help Boston beat Oklahoma City.

Isaiah Thomas scored 20 points, Avery Bradley had 14 and Jared Sullinger added eight points and 15 rebounds to help the Celtics

win their third in four games. Boston shot 48 percent and outrebounded the Thunder 47-34.

Smart, who played college ball at nearby Oklahoma State, also guarded Russell Westbrook effectively. He was part of a collective effort that held the reigning scoring champion to 5-for-20 shooting. Westbrook still scored 27 points and carried a larger load with Kevin Durant out with a hamstring injury.

Serge Ibaka scored 16 points, and the Thunder had a season-low point total and their worst shooting performance.

Westbrook had posted triple-doubles in his previous two games but finished this one with just five assists and four rebounds.

Oklahoma City's three-game win streak was snapped.

KINGS 107, RAPTORS 101

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — DeMarcus Cousins scored 10 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Sacramento to its third straight win.

Rudy Gay had 26 points and Omri Casspi added 14 for Sacramento, which won despite committing 20 turnovers that led to 20 points. Rajon Rondo had seven points, 14 assists and seven rebounds, but also had seven turnovers.

DeMar ReRozan scored 24 points, and Kyle Lowry made six 3-pointers while adding 22 points and seven assists for the Raptors. DeMarre Carroll made four 3s and had 17 points and reserve Kyle Cory Joseph also scored 17.

The Kings outscored the Raptors 14-2 over the final 3:22 — including the final 11 points of the game.

HORNETS 106, TRAIL BLAZERS 94

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Nicolas Batum scored 33 points, Al Jefferson added 29 and Charlotte held off a fourth-quarter rally to beat Portland.

Kemba Walker added 14 points and Jeremy Lamb had 13 for the Hornets, who led 71-45 at halftime and by as many as 29 points midway through the third quarter.

But the Trail Blazers began cutting into Charlotte's lead in the fourth quarter, pulling within 98-92 on Ed Davis' layup with 2:58 remaining.

Charlotte responded with an 8-0 run, getting two free throws each by Walker and Batum and two baskets by Jefferson to push the lead back to double digits in winning its third straight home game.

Damian Lillard had 23 points, Allen Crabbe 17 and CJ McCollum 16 for Portland, which lost its fifth



Utah Jazz forward Derrick Favors (15) scores against Atlanta Hawks forward Kent Bazemore (24) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

straight.

KNICKS 95, PELICANS 87

NEW YORK (AP) — Carmelo Anthony had 29 points and 13 rebounds to help New York beat New Orleans.

Langston Galloway scored 15 points and fellow reserve Kevin Seraphin had 12 for New York, which was coming off consecutive losses to Charlotte and Cleveland. Rookie Kristaps Porzingis had 10 points on 4-of-15 shooting.

Anthony Davis had 36 points and 11 rebounds for New Orleans, and Ryan Anderson scored 16 points.

GRIZZLIES 114, TIMBERWOLVES 106

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jeff Green scored a season-high 21 points, Mike Conley

matched his season-high with 20 points to go with six assists and the Memphis held on to beat Minnesota. Six players scored in double figures for Memphis, which won its second straight after losing four in a row. Marc Gasol had 14 points and seven rebounds for the Grizzlies, who shot a season-high 56.3 percent from the field.

Zach Lavine scored 25 points to lead Minnesota, which is 0-5 at home this season. Andrew Wiggins added 21 points for the Timberwolves, who dropped their fourth straight game overall.

Conley's 3-pointer with about 5 minutes left to play snapped an 89-all tie. □

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Patriots win 27-26 at Giants on last-second long FG

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Stephen Gostkowski's 54-yard field goal with 1 second remaining Sunday kept the New England Patriots unbeaten with a 27-26 victory over the New York Giants.

After Josh Brown made his fourth field goal of the game with 1:47 remaining, Tom Brady drove the Patriots (9-0) 44 yards, converting a fourth-and-10 on the series. Gostkowski, the NFL's leading scorer the last three seasons, sent his winning kick soaring through the uprights.

The Giants (5-5) have given the Patriots fits under Tom Coughlin and nearly pulled off another victory. But you don't beat New England with field goals, and a 5-yard pass to Odell Beckham Jr. on New York's final drive was originally called a touchdown, then reversed by a video review.

Both Beckham and New England's Rob Gronkowski had the longest TD catches of their careers: Beckham for 87 yards and Gronkowski for 76.



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) watches as LeGarrette Blount (29) dives into the end zone for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the New York Giants on Sunday Nov. 15, 2015, in East Rutherford, N.J.

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LIONS 18, PACKERS 16

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Matthew Stafford threw for two touchdowns, and Detroit stopped a 24-game road losing streak against Green Bay when it held on for a victory despite a late blunder by Calvin Johnson. Mason Crosby missed a 52-yard field goal as time expired after the Packers recovered an onside kick fumbled by Johnson with 31 seconds left.

Detroit (2-7) had stopped Green Bay on a 2-point conversion attempt after Aaron Rodgers hit Justin Perillo for an 11-yard touchdown pass on the previous drive. Stafford threw for 242 yards for the league-worst Lions, an organization that had been reeling following the midseason firings of the team president and general manager.

The Packers (6-3) lost their third straight game, but this was a new low after their

two previous defeats came on the road to Super Bowl contenders Denver and Carolina.

CHIEFS 29, BRONCOS 13

DENVER (AP) — Kansas City prevented Peyton Manning from getting the one record he really wanted, trouncing Denver on the strength of five interceptions and five field goals. Manning entered the day with 71,836 yards through the air, 2 shy of Brett Favre's record and tied with Favre with 186 victories.

He finished the day with just 35 yards on 5-of-20 passing, four interceptions, two sacks and an almost unheard-of zero passer rating before being benched late in the third quarter. The only highlight for Manning was his milestone: a 4-yard pass to running back Ronnie Hillman. Even that didn't come until he'd thrown his first interception, gotten sacked and fumbled.

The Broncos (7-2) saw their nine-game AFC West winning streak come to an end with their first loss to the Chiefs (4-5) since Tim Tebow was their quarterback in 2011.

CARDINALS 39, SEAHAWKS 32

SEATTLE (AP) — Carson Palmer threw for 363 yards and three touchdowns, Andre Ellington had a 48-yard touchdown run with 1:58 remaining and Arizona moved three games ahead in the NFC West with a wild victory over Seattle. Palmer helped the Cardinals (7-2) build leads of 19-0 and 22-7 at halftime, only to watch Seattle (4-5) rally and take a 29-25 lead early in the fourth quarter on Bobby Wagner's 22-yard fumble return that left CenturyLink Field shaking. Undaunted by losing the lead, Palmer led the Cardinals on an 83-yard touchdown drive, capped by a 14-yard strike to Jermaine

Gresham with 8:41 remaining. The Cardinals held Seattle on its next possession and Ellington added the punctuation, sprinting down the sideline on a third-down run to cap Arizona's big night.

PANTHERS 27, TITANS 10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Cam Newton completed his first 11 passes — the longest streak of his career — and Carolina remained unbeaten.

The Panthers (9-0) extended their league-best winning streak to 13 games as Newton ran for a touchdown and passed for another score.

The Titans (2-7) suffered their 10th straight home loss in the first home game under interim coach Mike Mularkey.

Rookie quarterback Marcus Mariota and the Titans were held scoreless in the second half.

JAGUARS 22, RAVENS 20

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jason Myers kicked a 53-yard field goal after Jacksonville got one final play on a facemask penalty with no time left, and the Jaguars ended their 13-game road losing streak.

Down 20-19 with no timeouts, the Jaguars got the ball at their 20 with 1:06 left. After moving to the Baltimore 49, Blake Bortles took the snap an instant before the clock expired and was quickly sacked by Elvis Dumervil.

But Dumervil grabbed the quarterback's facemask, giving the Jaguars one final play even though the clock read 0:00.

The victory enabled the Jaguars (3-6) to end a road skid that followed a win in Cleveland on Dec. 1, 2013. Baltimore fell to 2-7. □



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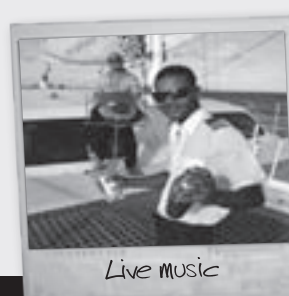
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NHL Roundup

Zuccarello leads Rangers to 4-3 win over Maple Leafs

NEW YORK (AP) — Mats Zuccarello scored with 58.3 seconds left to give the New York Rangers their ninth straight win, 4-3 over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Sunday.

Zuccarello also had two assists as New York improved to 14-2-2, the best 18-game start in franchise history in wins and points (30). The Rangers' winning streak is their third-longest overall and longest since winning 10 straight in the 1972-73 season.

Ryan McDonagh, Derek Stepan and Derick Brassard also scored for New York, and Antti Raanta

made 23 saves.

Peter Holland, Joffrey Lupul and Dion Phaneuf scored for Toronto, which snapped a three-game winning streak. Jonathan Bernier stopped 26 shots. **BLACKHAWKS 4, FLAMES 1**
CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Kane scored and had an assist in Chicago's quick three-goal outburst in the second period, and the Blackhawks beat the Calgary flames 4-1 Sunday night.

Rookie Artemi Panarin and Marian Hossa also scored in the Blackhawks' 1:55 blitz in the second to help lift Chicago to its second

win in two nights and third win its last four contests. Jonathan Toews added an empty-netter with 37.4 seconds left.

Kane, who took over the NHL lead in goals (13) and points (28) has scored a goal in seven consecutive games and a point in 13 straight. He has 10 goals and 12 assists during his run to the top of the NHL scoring list.

Chicago backup Scott Darling made 25 saves in his fourth start.

David Jones scored for Calgary, which finished a four-game road trip at 1-3. □



Chicago Blackhawks' Artemi Panarin (72), of Russia, celebrates with teammates on the bench after scoring a goal during the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Calgary Flames on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in Chicago. Chicago won 4-1.
Associated Press

Andy Murray not afraid to play Davis Cup final in Belgium

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Andy Murray plays tennis for a living, and he doesn't plan on being afraid of doing his job.

Murray was asked about the Paris attacks on Monday, and whether he was scared to go to Belgium at the end of the month to play in the Davis Cup final. "I think everybody right now is concerned about things," said Murray, who beat David Ferrer 6-4, 6-4 in his opening match at the season-ending ATP finals. "But I do think the best thing that we can do is to live our normal lives, not change too much, because then the terrorists are the ones that are winning."

Among the sites targeted in Friday's attacks was the Stade de France, where France's national team was playing Germany in a soccer friendly. And many of the attackers have been linked to Belgium,

where the Davis Cup final will be played from Nov. 27-29 in Gent.

"We need to go out there and do what we always do and try not to change too much. That's all we can do," Murray said. "I don't want to live my life in fear each time I step on a tennis court. So that's what I'll do."

Against Ferrer at the O2 Arena in London, Murray was able to win with plenty of help from the Spaniard's serve. The seventh-seeded Ferrer had eight double-faults and landed only 49 percent of his first serves.

"I serve bad @ the end of the first set and also in the second set," Ferrer said. "Anyway, in important moments he was better than me. He played more aggressive than me."

Murray broke Ferrer to win the first set, getting his final point on the Spaniard's second double-fault of the game. Although Ferrer broke to open the second set in the following game,

Murray slowly fought back as Ferrer continued to struggle to get the ball in play. Murray ended up winning 19 of the 32 points off Ferrer's second serve. Unfortunately for Murray, the ATP finals is being played on an indoor hard court while the Davis Cup final will be played on indoor clay.

Murray has been splitting his preparation time for the two tournaments on both surfaces, and it showed.

"First couple of games my timing was a little bit off," Murray said. "But I got it back pretty quickly, which was pleasing."

Britain has not won the Davis Cup title since 1936, when Fred Perry was the team's star player. Perry was also the last British man to win the men's title at Wimbledon that same year, until Murray came along. In the late match at the ATP finals, Rafael Nadal will take on French Open champion Stan Wawrinka. □



Andy Murray of Britain serves to David Ferrer of Spain during their singles tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

Associated Press

Shortened race in Phoenix determines final 3 Chase spots

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) —

NASCAR's championship field was set Sunday at rain-soaked Phoenix International Raceway when the race was called 93 laps from the scheduled finish — denying Joey Logano and three others a chance to race their way into the finale. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the race when NASCAR pulled the plug after a frustrating day of trying to get a pivotal Chase for the Sprint Cup championship elimination round completed. Rain initially delayed the start almost seven hours and turned a day race into a showcase under the lights, and Earnhardt inherited the lead when Kevin Harvick made a routine pit stop. "That's the way this game is played. That's the way this Chase is," Logano said. "There's no doubt in my mind we're still the strongest team on the race track."

Earnhardt was eliminated from the playoffs in the second round, though, so the victory had no championship implications. Advancing into the season finale next Sunday were reigning series champion Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. They joined Jeff Gordon, who had earned his spot in the



Dale Earnhardt Jr., center left, and his pit crew celebrate their third victory of the season after winning the the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Phoenix International Raceway, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in Avondale, Ariz.

final four two weeks ago with a win at Martinsville, in the winner-take-all showdown at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Eliminated Sunday were Logano and his teammate Brad Keselowski, as well as Carl Edwards and Kurt Busch. All could have earned a spot in the finale with a victory at Phoenix, but the weather ruined their shot to race their way into the championship.

"I don't think it matters what's fair, it matters what entertains the fans and if the fans are happy then that's what it's all about," said Keselowski. But the fans were likely left unsatisfied after the anticlimactic ending. It was a bitter defeat for Team Penske, which nearly locked both drivers into the finale. Logano, the Daytona 500 winner who swept all three races of the sec-

ond round of the Chase, was headed to the win at Martinsville until he was intentionally wrecked by Matt Kenseth and Keselowski nearly won last week at Texas but was chased down in the closing laps by Jimmie Johnson. Logano finished a frustrating third and was denied a chance to race Earnhardt and Harvick on a restart because of the rain. "You don't know if there's

another restart if we're going to win," Logano said. "You just want a chance. It's no one's fault. It's not NASCAR's fault. What are they supposed to do when it's pouring out?"

Also left wondering what might have been: Edwards, who missed advancing by just five points, and Kurt Busch, who had one of the strongest cars at Phoenix. Kurt Busch had to win the race to advance, and he might have had a shot had it gone to completion.

He was penalized minutes into the race for jumping the start — he grabbed the lead from pole-sitter Johnson — but fell to last in the field when he made his pass-through on pit road. But he still climbed to seventh and might have been able to challenge teammate Harvick for the win.

"I don't even think it was a penalty," Kurt Busch said after the race ended. "It's not even a call in my mind." Meanwhile, Earnhardt had no guilt in celebrating the win. He was eliminated from the Chase after the second round when a caution prevented him from racing Logano to the checkered flag at Talladega.

"A lot of guys would love to see this race continue and have an opportunity to race to the Chase," said Earnhardt. □

Associated Press

McDowell wins Mexico event in a playoff

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mex-

ico (AP) — Going more than two years without a win was enough time for Graeme McDowell to start asking himself the wrong questions.

Was his best golf behind him? Was he even good enough to win again?

He found his answer Monday morning in Mexico. McDowell made an 8-foot par putt on the 18th hole to stay in the game, and then he hit a 5-iron that grazed the edge of the cup and set up a 3-foot birdie to win a three-man playoff in the rain-delayed OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

"I dreamed of this day coming again," McDowell said. "I thought it would be

maybe not quite as soon as this, and I said to myself that I was really going to appreciate it. And I do appreciate it. This feels really nice."

That par putt on the final hole of El Camaleon Golf Club gave McDowell a 5-under 66 to finish at 18-under 266. Even so, it looked as if that would only be good enough for second place. Russell Knox, coming off a victory last week in the HSBC Champions, had a one-shot lead and was full of confidence.

Knox, however, pulled his tee shot into the bunker in front of a steep lip, couldn't quite reach the green and missed a 12-foot par putt

for a 66. Jason Bohn made tough par putts on four of his last five holes for a 68 to join the playoff.

It didn't last long.

McDowell, who looked tentative on tee shots and birdie putts over the final few holes, felt a surge of belief in the playoff. He drilled a 3-wood down the middle, and then wisely listened to caddie Ken Comboy, who recommended a 5-iron when McDowell wanted to hammer a 6-iron.

"It's as good a 5-iron as I've hit in a long time," McDowell said.

Knox missed the green to the left and failed to chip in. Bohn missed an 18-foot birdie putt. That left McDowell to tap in for his



Graeme McDowell from Portrush, Northern Ireland, holds up his trophy after he won the OHL Classic at Mayakoba golf tournament in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

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first victory since the 2013 French Open. And while it doesn't compare with his 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble

Beach, it was more significant than just a PGA Tour event at the end of the year. □

YouTube Music is a great music-video app _ if you pay up

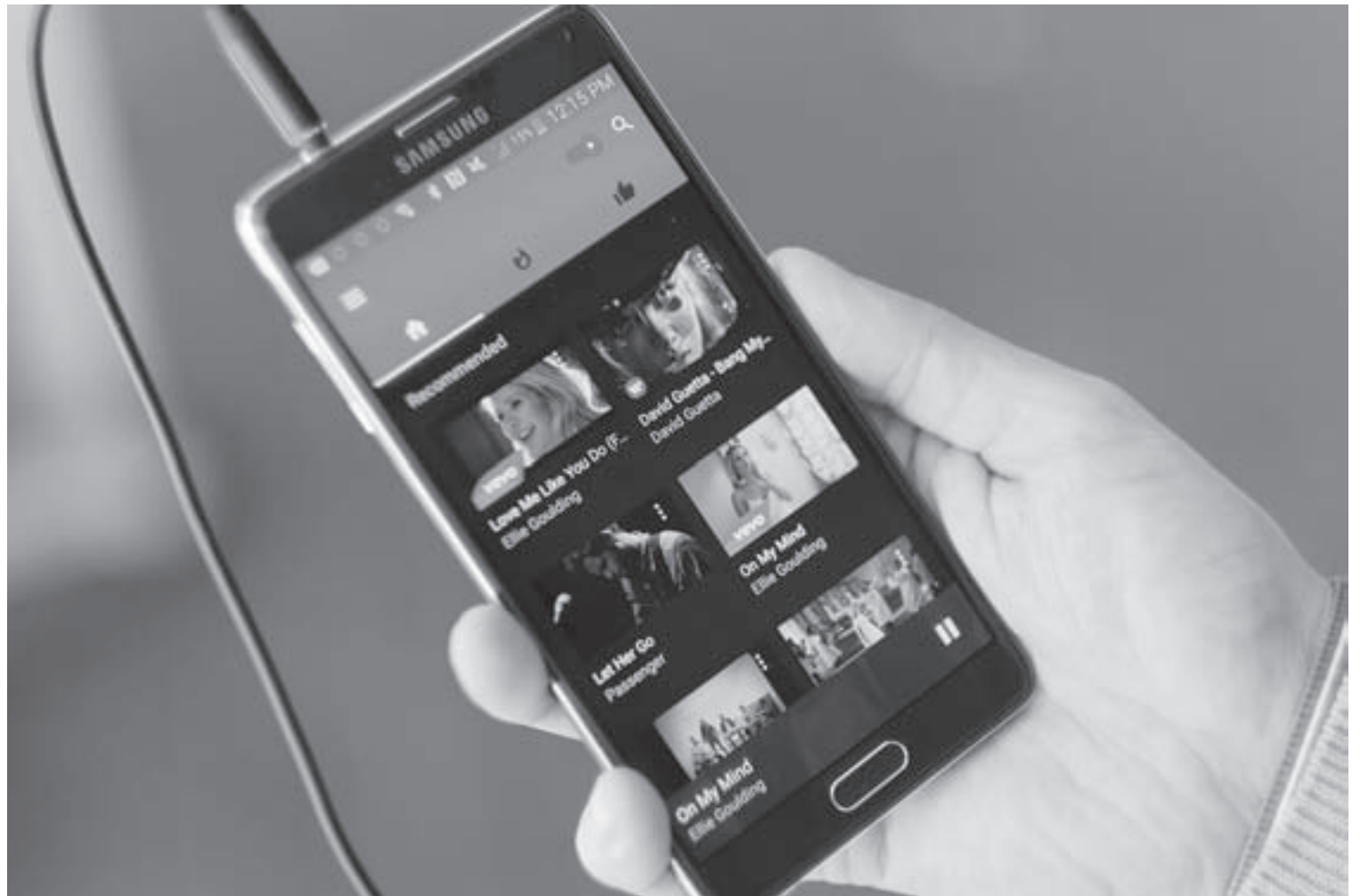
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AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

If you were going to reinvent MTV for a mobile generation, you'd probably come up with something like YouTube Music. It's a video-first music service that also plays in the background like you'd expect a music app to do. That sets it apart from other music apps out there, many of which give you a choice of videos or songs, but not interchangeably. But while YouTube Music offers a lot of interesting features, most of them require a subscription to the new YouTube Red service, which will set you back \$10 a month — \$13 if you sign up through YouTube's iPhone app. Without Red, YouTube Music will play ads similar to what you see on YouTube proper, and several other functions won't work at all. YouTube is offering new users a 14-day free trial to Red, but to continue commercial free, you'll need to pony up.

YouTube Music is first and foremost a music-video app, albeit one that doesn't forget that most people will be using it on their phones. For those times you'd rather just listen instead of watching, you can hit a toggle that



This photo shows the YouTube Music app on a mobile phone on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, in Los Angeles.

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switches the app to audio-only mode, which turns off the video playback and swaps in a still image. You can even turn off the screen and keep listening while you do something else.

But here's the first gotcha: Audio-only mode only works for paid subscribers. I also found the audio-on-

ly toggle worked far better on a Samsung Galaxy Note 4 than on an iPhone 5, where it introduced a jarring pause.

You can similarly shrink the video to a little strip at the bottom of the app, which keeps it playing in a cropped format while you look for the next video. The app will even keep

playing if you switch to other tasks, like checking email — although again only if you've paid up for Red.

There are some curious omissions. For instance, there's no easy way to create a playlist to queue up a bunch of videos in a row. The app does offer "song stations," which queue up videos from artists related to the one you're on. You can toggle the range of the resulting mix with options like "less variety," "more variety" or "balanced." I started a station starting with Passenger's "Let Her Go" and so far I'm pretty happy with the "balanced" playlist it created, which included "Counting Stars" from OneRepublic and "Burn" by Ellie Goulding. You can also play all of the videos you've thumbs-upped, which turns that grouping into a crude sort of playlist.

YouTube Music is far less cluttered than competing services like Apple Music, which has more lists and tabs than you'll know what to do with. YouTube Music keeps the tabs to

three — home, hot (trending videos), and thumbs up (your favorites).

Home offers recommended videos, and it's easy to find something playable. Your mileage may vary with the "hot" tab; it didn't do much for me, although I'm usually a bit out of sync with the mainstream. Finally, there's one more fun feature, which is called "offline mixtape." It automatically saves 20 audio-only songs for you based on your tastes, for when you know you're going to get spotty reception. I wish it saved the videos instead of just the audio, but this will keep the tunes turning in a pinch. Alas, offline mixtapes are disabled in the ad-supported version of YouTube Music. The app makes Google's \$10-a-month music subscription a lot more attractive. Paying up not only unlocks features in YouTube Music itself, it also gets you ad-free playback on the main YouTube app, access to Google Play Music, and, down the road, some original material from YouTube stars. □

Pandora strikes \$75M Rdio deal, promises new features

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —

Pandora says it is acquiring technology and intellectual property from Rdio and will add new features to its Internet music streaming service by late next year.

The \$75 million cash deal depends on Rdio seeking bankruptcy protection and gaining court approval for the deal. Rdio will wind down its service.

It would be the second big purchase by Pandora following its agreement to buy ticket seller Ticketfly last month for \$450 million. CEO Brian McAndrews

said Monday that Pandora wants to redefine itself. It's primarily a U.S. service today known for its Internet radio. McAndrews wants to make it a global operation, add live events and give users more control.

Services like Spotify that let you request specific songs typically cost \$10 a month. Pandora radio is free, with ads. There's a \$5-a-month option that strips out ads. The deal also follows steps the company has taken to repair its frayed relationship with the music industry. Earlier this month, it reached a direct licensing

deal for songwriting rights with Sony/ATV, the largest music publisher in the world. It settled a lawsuit for \$90 million last month over songs from before 1972. It also suspended a plan to use a South Dakota radio station to lower its royalty payments, and agreed to retroactive pay to artists.

A more collaborative relationship with music makers puts it in a stronger position to expand, McAndrews said.

Pandora Media Inc. shares rose 3 cents to \$13.45 in after-hours trading. □

Berkshire Hathaway reduces Goldman Sachs, Wal-Mart stakes

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Investor Warren Buffett's company sold some of its Goldman Sachs and Wal-Mart shares during the third quarter, and made several smaller changes to its stock portfolio. Berkshire Hathaway Inc. filed a report on its U.S. stocks Monday with the

Securities and Exchange Commission. Buffett told CNBC on Monday that the main reason he reduced Berkshire's stakes in Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. was to generate cash for his \$32 billion acquisition of Precision Castparts Corp. that's expected to close next year. Buffett did not immediately

respond to questions from the AP Monday about the moves made by his Omaha, Nebraska-based conglomerate. Berkshire sold 13 percent of its 12.6 million Goldman shares and unloaded 7 percent of its 60.4 million Wal-Mart shares between the end of June and the end of September. Buffett told CNBC that he still likes

both those companies. Many investors like to copy Buffett's moves because of his remarkably successful record, so these quarterly filings are watched closely. These combined filings include investments made by two other executives at the company, so it's not always clear whether Buffett made the decisions. Buffett has said previously that

investments smaller than \$300 million are likely to be the work of other Berkshire managers. But Berkshire's purchase of nearly 1.5 million more shares of IBM stock was almost certainly Buffett's. He has said before that he was responsible for buying what is now 81 million shares of International Business Machines Corp. □

Energy stocks lead a rally as the price of oil climbs

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U.S. stocks mounted a broad rally on Monday, snapping a three-day losing streak as investors moved past concerns that the terrorist attacks in Paris could spell big trouble for the global economy. Oil and gas stocks were among the biggest gainers as the price of crude rose. Traders also bid up shares in defense contractors, while travel-related stocks slumped. The gains followed a mixed day in European markets, which shook off an early loss and ended mixed. Friday's attacks in Paris, which killed 129 people, are not likely to negatively affect the economies of the U.S. or Europe, said Scott Wren, senior global equity strategist for Wells Fargo Investment Institute. "It all comes down to, are consumers going to be staying at home and not out spending money because they're afraid that if they go anywhere they're

going to be victims of a terrorist attack," Wren said. "That might be the case if you saw a series of these things, but hopefully that's not what's going to happen and the economy is not going to be affected." All told, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 237.77 points, or 1.4 percent, to 17,483.01. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 30.15 points, or 1.5 percent, to 2,053.19. The Nasdaq composite added 56.73 points, or 1.2 percent, to 4,984.62. Monday's rally helped lift the market following its biggest weekly loss since August. The market action got off to a somber start as the New York Stock Exchange paused to observe a moment of silence shortly before the start of regular trading. The major market indexes started lower but rebounded within the first 10 minutes as investors piled into consumer staples stocks, a category that includes



Traders observe a moment of silence before the opening bell on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday. Stock markets in New York and in much of the world are proving to be more resilient today than many analysts had anticipated, in the aftermath of Friday's attacks in Paris. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Coca-Cola and household products maker Procter & Gamble. Stocks wavered for a while, but began to climb steadily by midday as crude oil prices perked up, pushing up energy stocks. The energy sector in the

S&P 500 surged 3.3 percent, far more than the rest of the market. Natural gas and coal producer Consol Energy added 56 cents, or 7.6 percent, to \$7.96. Cabot Oil & Gas gained \$1.82, or 8.8 percent, to \$22.56,

while Range Resources rose \$2.90, or 9.1 percent, to \$34.62. The energy sector has been the biggest laggard among industries this year, down 14.9 percent, as the slide in oil prices has deepened. □

Media General rejects Nexstar bid, but willing to talk

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The television company Media General rejected a \$1.9 billion buyout offer from Nexstar Broadcasting on Monday, but said that it's still willing to talk. The Nexstar bid comes in the wake of a \$2.4 billion bid from Media General Inc. for Meredith Corp., which owns television stations and publishes about 20 magazines. Media General said in September that a deal with Meredith

would create a company with almost 90 television stations in 54 markets and magazines including Better Homes and Gardens and Martha Stewart Living. Some see the bid from Nexstar, which owns, operates, programs or provides services to more than 100 television stations in 58 markets, as an attempt to drive a wedge between Meredith and Media General. Its offer for Media General, based in Richmond, Vir-

ginia, was valued at \$4.1 billion, including debt. Nexstar has said that a tie-up with Media General would reach 39 percent of U.S. TV households and create the second-largest owner of major network affiliates. Activist investor Starboard Value LP has been urging Media General to negotiate with Nexstar and drop its pursuit of Meredith. Starboard has said that buying Meredith isn't the right move for Media Gen-

eral because it would put the company back into the print business. Media General sold its newspaper businesses in 2012 so it could better focus on its money-making television stations. However, Media General said Monday that it believes Nexstar's current offer significantly undervalues the company and its prospects. Still, it plans to engage in private negotiations with Nexstar.

Nexstar Chairman and CEO Perry Sook said in a written statement that the company is "eager to move forward" with talks with Media General. Media General's board continues to support the proposed Meredith deal. For its part, Meredith said it remains confident that a deal with Media General would generate superior benefits for shareholders compared with any Nexstar deal. □

Marriott becomes world's largest hotelier, buying Starwood

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NEW YORK (AP) — Hotel behemoth Marriott International is becoming

with 4,500 properties and about 735,000 rooms.

"To be successful in today's marketplace, a wide distribution of brands and hotels

developer to own a Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt and Sheraton in the same city.

The merger will give Marriott 30 brands and more

is "very valued by elite travelers."

"We will take the best of both programs and make sure the bests are preserved," he said on the analyst call. The details will be worked out in the coming months.

Back in April, Starwood announced its board was exploring strategic options for the hotel company. The Stamford, Connecticut, company has struggled to grow as fast as its rivals, particularly in "limited service hotels," smaller properties which don't have restaurants or banquet halls. They are often located on the side of the highway, near airports or in suburban office parks.

There was speculation in the markets about a potential deal with Holiday Inn owner Intercontinental Hotels Group and more recently Hyatt Hotels Corp. But in the end, it was Marriott who prevailed.

Starwood's strong international presence will aid Marriott. In the past few years, Starwood has made a strong push to grow in China, India, the United Arab Emirates as well as more-established European destinations. Marriott, in turn, has a well-established network of hotels including deep coverage of small towns and cities with its Fairfield Inn, Courtyard and Residence Inn brands.

The deal comes at a time of record hotel occupancy and rates.

During the first nine months of this year, guests filled 67.3 percent of the avail-

able rooms in the U.S., according to research firm STR. That's the highest level since STR started collecting data in 1987. Guests paid an average of \$120.35 a night so far this year. The prior record, adjusted for inflation, was \$119.70 in 2008.

Marriott, based in Bethesda, Maryland, has been aggressively growing. In April, it acquired Canadian chain Delta Hotels and Resorts, helping it become the largest hotel company in Canada.

The boards of both companies approved the acquisition unanimously, which now must be approved by investors in both hotel chains.

Marriott's Sorenson will be president and CEO of the combined company and the headquarters will be in Bethesda. Marriott's board of directors following the closing will increase from 11 to 14 members, with the expected addition of three members Starwood's board.

Marriott said it expects to deliver at least \$200 million in annual savings in the second full year after closing.

Last month, Starwood announced the sale of its timeshare unit to Interval Leisure Group, with its shareholders retaining a 55-percent stake in the company. That deal is expected to close before the Marriott acquisition, with Starwood shareholders receiving additional compensation for their stake in the timeshare business. □



This photo shows a Marriott hotel in Cranberry Township, Pa. Marriott International announced Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, it is buying rival hotel chain Starwood for \$12.2 billion in a deal that will secure its position as the world's largest hotelier. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

even larger, taking over rival chain Starwood in a \$12.2 billion deal that will catapult it to become the world's largest hotelier by a wide margin.

The stock-and-cash deal, if completed, will add 50 percent more rooms to Marriott's portfolio and give it more unique, design-focused hotels that appeal to younger travelers.

The acquisition is likely to start another round of hotel mergers.

"This causes everybody in the business to look around and say: we don't want to be the smallest," said Bjorn Hanson, a professor at the Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management at New York University.

The latest deal would leave Marriott with 5,500 properties and more than 1.1 million rooms around the world, uniting Starwood's brands, which include Sheraton, Westin, W and St. Regis, with Marriott's two dozen brands including Marriott's Courtyard, Ritz-Carlton and Fairfield Inn.

The transaction is expected to close in the middle of 2016.

The next-largest hotel company is Hilton Worldwide

across price points is critical," Starwood CEO Adam Aron said on a call with Wall Street analysts. "It appeals to travelers wherever they may go, leverages marketing and technology spend(ing) and strengthens frequent traveler loyalty. Today, size matters."

Marriott and Starwood — like other hotel chains — own very few individual hotels. Instead they manage or franchise their brands to hundreds of individual owners, often real estate development companies. Those individual hotel owners are responsible for setting nightly room rates. It isn't uncommon for a de-

leverage with corporate travel departments who often look for one giant chain to house all of their employees. Frequent business travelers will also be closely watching the deal. Starwood has a beloved frequent guest program with partnerships with American Express, Delta Air Lines and Uber. Marriott has a much larger program with partnerships with Chase and United Airlines.

Marriott CEO Arne Sorenson said he was attracted to Starwood, in part, because of its loyalty program. He said the members skew a little younger than Marriott's and the program

Liberty Global to buy Cable & Wireless for \$5.3B in stock

DENVER (AP) — International cable TV company Liberty Global says it is acquiring Cable & Wireless Communications, a London-based telecommunications company with operations in the Caribbean, for stock and a special dividend worth \$5.3 billion.

Liberty Global PLC, which is controlled by billionaire John Malone, said it would fold Cable & Wireless into its LiLAC business unit, which

it spun off with a tracking stock in July. Combined, the entities will have 10 million subscribers of video, broadband Internet access, and fixed and mobile phone service.

Liberty's offer amounts to 78.04 pence (\$1.23) per share plus a dividend of 3 pence per share. The total is 11 percent above the average price of Cable & Wireless stock last week, and 40 percent above its

closing price on Oct. 21, the day before Cable & Wireless announced it was in talks to be acquired by Liberty.

Liberty Global CEO Mike Fries said the acquisition will add scale and management depth to its operations in Latin America and the Caribbean. The combination is also estimated to create cost savings in excess of the \$125 million per year that is targeted

to be saved due to Cable & Wireless's acquisition of Columbus International earlier this month.

Shares of Liberty Global's non-voting Class C shares were down 97 cents, or 2.2 percent, at \$42.61 in afternoon trading.

The deal needs to be approved by shareholders of both companies. It is expected to close in the quarter ending in June next year. □

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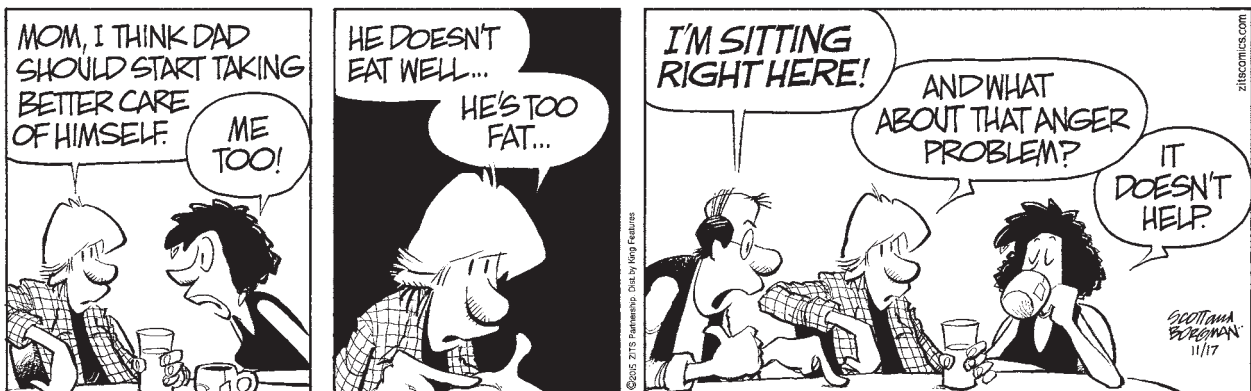
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

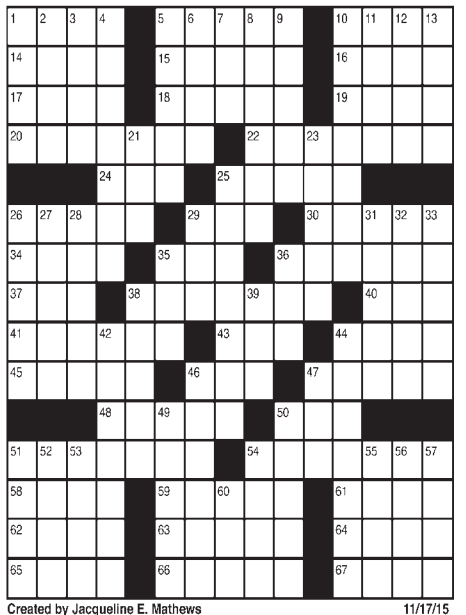
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ACROSS

- Up in __; angry
- Overcook milk
- Split __; hair problem
- Cowboy's shoe
- Mid-afternoon
- Actor Wyle
- Concern
- Gathers leaves
- Cast a ballot
- Was stinky
- Expanded
- Statute
- Herb in spaghetti sauce
- Remove the lid from
- Trigger's rider
- Outspoken
- Lion's den
- Compadre
- Elk
- Rollaway bed
- Craftsman
- Four qts.
- Come forth
- Actor Diesel
- Go no further
- Early __; one up with the sun
- Beard wearer
- Little misses
- Postpone
- Tavern
- Recognize differences
- African nation
- Greek letter
- __ beaver; go-getter
- Drape puller
- Exchange
- Perfume
- Parka feature
- Hailed vehicles
- Pays attention to
- Travelers' stops

DOWN

- Basics
- Meander
- Additional amount
- Outstanding
- Scatter
- Actor Everett
- Floating zoo?
- Wiggle room
- Lucie's dad and brother
- Enwrap
- Lunchtime
- Go out with
- Lean-to
- Drink like Fido
- Sofa
- Liberator
- Simón of South America
- Stomach ailment
- One of the Judds
- Refers to
- Traitor
- Groucho's prop
- __ costs; by any means possible
- Uplifting tunes
- Prefix for heat or packaged
- Pale
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- Train porters
- Small barbecue
- Troublemaker
- Juicy Fruit or Black Jack
- Sassy
- Harbor towns
- jockey; radio employee
- Ottumwa's state
- Pierce
- Put in the mail
- Crazy as a __
- Steel, mainly
- __ up; makes sense
- __ whiz!"

France

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On Monday, Belgian police in balaclavas, gas masks and body armor raided Abdeslam's suspected hideout in the Molenbeek district of Brussels but came out empty-handed. Abdeslam's brother, Brahim, was among the suicide bombers and killed one civilian after blowing himself up outside a restaurant. Police in Molenbeek arrested another brother, Mohamed, but freed him Monday without charge. After he left police custody, Mohamed Abdeslam told reporters that his family couldn't believe that both of his brothers were jihadists. He said all three siblings grew up in Belgium and seemingly were content with life in the West. "I have not been involved in any way with what happened on Friday the 13th in Paris. We are an open-minded family. We never had any problem with justice," he said. He said he didn't know where his brother Salah was or whether he would surrender to police, and expressed familial loyalty to him despite his shock over the mass killings. "You have to understand that we have a family, we have a mom, and he remains her child," he said. Determined to root out jihadists within French communities, Hollande said he would present a bill Wednesday seeking to extend a state of emergency — granting the police and military greater powers of search and arrest, and local governments the right to ban demonstrations and impose curfews — for another three months. He also pledged to hire 5,000 more police within the next two years, to freeze cuts in military personnel through 2019, and to introduce other bills that would stiffen jail terms for arms trafficking and make it easier to deport suspected terrorists. Hollande said he hoped to meet soon with U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin, who on Monday were attending the G-20 summit of nations in Antalya, Turkey. □

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Vast forest fires in Indonesia spawn ecological disaster

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Associated Press

KAMPAR, Indonesia (AP) —

For farmer Achmad Rusli, it was a season of smoke: Ten weeks without sunlight for his oranges, guavas and durians, thanks to deliberately set forest fires that burned a chunk of Indonesia the size of New Jersey.

The fires have finally died down with the arrival of monsoon rains, but too late for his crops, which are far too measly to sell.

"We had not seen the sun in a two-and-a-half months," said Rusli, 34, from Riau province, in eastern Sumatra, among the six hardest-hit provinces. "How can we harvest the fruit?"

The ecological disaster has inflicted a staggering toll on the region's environment, economy and human health: 2.1 million hectares (8,063 square miles) of forests and other land burned, 21 deaths, more than half a million people sickened with respiratory problems and \$9 billion in economic losses, from damaged crops to hundreds of cancelled flights.

Palm oil and paper pulp companies illegally set fire to forests to clear land to plant more trees in the cheapest and fastest way possible. Authorities are investigating more than 300 plantation companies and 83 suspects have been arrested, according to national police chief Gen. Badrodin Haiti. The licenses of three plantation companies have been revoked and those of 11 others have been suspended.

The fires have been an annual problem since the mid-1990s, but this was

the worst year since 1997, when blazes spread across nearly 10 million hectares. Greed is the cause. Herry Purnomo, a scientist at Center for International Forestry Research, said it costs just \$7 to clear a hectare of land by burning, compared to \$150 to do so with tractors. Indonesian law bans clearing land by burning, except by small-scale farmers who are allowed up to 2 hectares.

All told, nearly 50,000 fires were detected since July, according to satellite data, with most on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo. An absence of rain from the El Nino effect made them worse.

The thick haze forced schools to close in neighboring Singapore and Malaysia, and for the first time it reached communities in southern Thailand, where the air pollution index rose to record levels of unhealthiness.

Indonesia's neighbors have grown increasingly critical, though many of the palm-oil companies operating in the country are Singaporean- and Malaysian-owned. And Indonesians endured the worst of the effects.

Syarif, a 46-year-old who like many Indonesians uses a single name, failed to harvest any of his chili peppers and tomatoes, which withered and shriveled on the vine.

"I lost everything... drought and smog has ruined our vegetables," Syarif said. "I have to start again from scratch."

Visibility fell below 50 meters (yards) in some areas, forcing 13 airports around the country to close.

Drone footage taken over smoldering forests showed

the charred remains of trees poking through billowing smoke and haze that extended as far as the eye could see. Gray and white patches of ash covered the forest floor.



In this Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 photo, forestry officials ride on the back of an elephant as they patrol an area affected by forest fire in Siak, Riau province, Indonesia.

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The haze, resembling a wintry fog, is laced with tiny particles of ash that are particularly harmful to the elderly, children and those with chronic heart and lung conditions. It can lead to respiratory tract infections and pneumonia.

In the six most affected provinces, home to more than 26 million people, hospitals were overwhelmed with 556,945 cases of people with smoke-related respiratory tract issues between July and the end of October — nearly three times the normal rate, according to the health ministry.

In late October, the Pollution Standards Index hit a record high of 3,300 in Central Kalimantan province in Borneo, the giant island Indonesia shares with Ma-

laysia and Brunei. Anything above 300 is deemed hazardous.

Rosita Rossie, a coordinator at Riau's provincial health office, said that when pollution index rose above

of Science.

Researchers and local residents are scrambling to protect the estimated 50,000 wild orangutans that live only on Borneo and Sumatra. The apes

300, many clinics and hospitals in the province of 6 million provided 24-hour service, with some sending health workers into remote areas to meet needs there. The National Disaster Mitigation Agency recorded 21 fire-related fatalities, including burns, pneumonia, asthma and meningitis aggravated by upper respiratory tract infections.

Nearly 20,000 schools had to close in the worst-hit provinces, affecting about 2.4 million students.

The fires also likely killed many endangered or threatened species, including orangutans and Sumatran rhinos, said Rosichon Ubaidilla, an animal taxonomy expert who heads the Zoology Center for Biological Research at the Indonesia Institute

must cope with not only the destruction of their habitat but also respiratory problems, said Raffles B. Panjaitan, the Forestry Ministry's director of forest fire control. The fires have also sent enormous amounts of greenhouse-gas emissions into the air. Much of the forests lost were peatland, which stores a particularly large amount of carbon. Research by the Center for International Forestry Research, or CIFOR, found that in 2012, forest fires in Riau province alone released between 1.5 billion and 2 billion tons of carbon emissions in just one week — up to 10 percent of Indonesia's total annual emissions, said Sofyan Kurnianto, a scientist with the group and the lead author of the study. □



This image released by TNT shows Sean Bean as Martin Odum in a scene from the "The Legend of Curtis Ballard," episode of the TNT series, "Legends."

Associated Press

TNT network shelves show depicting a Paris shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — The TNT network isn't airing an episode of its drama "Legends" on Monday because it depicts a terrorist shooting into a crowd in Paris. The network said Monday it will instead air a rerun of "Legends" that was originally shown a few weeks ago. TNT isn't the only network to shuffle its schedule because of sensitivity surrounding the attacks last Friday. CBS said it was replacing episodes of the Monday prime-time dramas "Supergirl"

and "NCIS: Los Angeles." The "NCIS" episode concerned Islamic State recruitment of women, and the "Supergirl" episode was supposed to deal with a bombing. "Legends" is in its second season on TNT. Showtime aired a new episode of "Homeland," its drama that involved fight-

ing Middle East extremism, on Sunday with a printed message beforehand that warned viewers that the show may contain disturbing content in the context of the Paris attacks. "We extend our deepest sympathies to all touched by the Paris attacks," Showtime said in the message. □

Viral review triggers run on Patti LaBelle pies at Wal-Mart

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AP Food Editor

Two million pounds of sweet potatoes. That's what it's going to take to get Patti LaBelle's suddenly famous sweet potato pie back onto shelves at Wal-Mart.

Which means the pie that became a viral sensation during the weekend — selling roughly one every second — after a customer sang its praise in a YouTube video may not be back in time to grace your Thanksgiving table. Not that Wal-Mart isn't trying. "There's a lot of moving parts. The suppliers have been working all weekend," Kerry Robinson, vice president for bakery and deli at Wal-Mart, said Monday.

"We need something like 2 million pounds of sweet potatoes, and that's not something easy to get," she said.

The sweet potato surge started Thursday, the day after James Wright posted a video of himself eating a slice of the pie, which Wal-Mart launched in September. In the video — now viewed millions of times — Wright bursts into LaBelle song and dance as he eats. Within 24 hours, social media was buzzing about Wright and the pie, and Wal-Mart stock was run-



In this June 28, 2015 file photo, singer Patti LaBelle poses in the press room at the BET Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

ning low. "We swept everything we had right into the stores to supply the demand, including our Christmas volume, so they have everything we've got," Robinson said.

Prior to the video, sweet potato pie hadn't been a top seller for the retailer. But this year a revamped recipe and partnership with LaBelle — who called

Wright after hearing about the video — showed enough promise that the company ordered twice as many pies as last year. Of course, that order was supposed to last through the holidays, not be wiped out before Thanksgiving. Meanwhile, the remaining pies — which cost \$3.48 — are being routed to the stores where demand is strongest. □

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In this April 11, 2013 file photo, Charlie Sheen, a cast member in "Scary Movie V," poses at the Los Angeles premiere of the film at the Cinerama Dome in Los Angeles.

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Sheen to make 'revealing' announcement on 'Today,' NBC says

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC says actor Charlie Sheen is set to "make a revealing personal announcement" on NBC's "Today" show on Tuesday.

The network said Monday it would not comment on the specifics of the announcement, which it said will occur during an interview with "Today" anchor Matt Lauer.

Drug and alcohol use have marred Sheen's personal and professional life in recent years: He was kicked off CBS' "Two and a Half Men" in 2011 after an explosive meltdown that the network said included calling the show's producer a "contaminated little maggot," and for providing cocaine to others. His escapades have also included the revelation that he spent more than \$50,000 as a client of "Hollywood Madam" Heidi Fleiss' prostitution ring.

The "Today" show airs at 7 a.m. EST. □



In this Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015, file photo, Jay Leno participates in the "Jay Leno's Garage" panel at the NBCUniversal Summer TCA Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Jay Leno to host Nobel Peace Prize concert on Dec. 11

NEW YORK (AP) — Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is set to host the Nobel Peace Prize concert next month. Organizers for the event announced Monday that Leno will host the Dec. 11 event at the Telenor Arena in Oslo, Norway.

The Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet was named the 2015 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for its "decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011," the Nobel Peace Prize jury said last month. □



In this Nov. 3, 2015 photo, musician Sara Bareilles poses for a portrait in New York.

Associated Press

Sara Bareilles, seeking 'a change,' reconnects with theater

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — She's got a new album out with brand-new music, but Sara Bareilles has pulled it all from her past.

The singer-songwriter of such hits as "Brave" and "Love Song" has changed gears entirely to write eclectic music for the Broadway-bound stage musical "Waitress."

"This is the oldest part of me. This is the part that got suppressed as I was a young singer-songwriter in LA and just barely getting a foothold," she said.

Bareilles adored musical theater growing up but had to shelve her more quirky songwriting instincts to become palatable to a mainstream audience.

"When you're trying to make a first impression, sometimes it's nice to simplify and to just help your audience distill your expression so they can understand it," she said. "Now, it's like the gloves are off."

The new album — her fourth studio CD, which debuted at No. 10 on Billboard 200 albums chart this week — is just part of a creative period for Bareilles, who also has her first book out and is preparing to dive back

into her new songs to ready them for a spring Broadway debut.

After 14 years in Los Angeles, she moved to New York three years ago following a "mini-hiatus" here, finding inspiration in a nonstop, exciting city.

"I had a very comfortable life — wonderful friends, cute little house near the beach. And I just felt kind of uninspired. So, it was time for a change," she said.

One of those changes came in the form of Tony Award-director Diane Paulus, who was creating a musical from the 2007 film "Waitress" about a waitress and pie maker trapped in a small-town diner and a loveless marriage.

"When I was thinking of creating a musical version of this movie, I just had this gut instinct that we needed a composer who would capture the indie film quality of the original movie. That led me to Sara," said Paulus.

"Lucky for all of us in the theater world, she actually wanted to write a musical." That's because Bareilles did community theater and grew up on the cast albums of "The Sound of Music," "Annie," "The Secret Garden" and "A Chorus Line." ("Those are my

desert island records," she said.)

Paulus asked her to see the film and write a song inspired by it. "It's an odd movie.

It's a quiet movie. It's an intimate movie," said the singer. "I didn't think I knew that I was going to connect so deeply with the lead character but I really did. I found her to be fascinating."

A few days later, an MP3 landed in Paulus' inbox with the song "She Used to Be Mine," an achingly beautiful ballad that has become the show's cornerstone and became the first song from a new pre-Broadway musical to enter the Adult Contemporary Top 40 since 1985.

"She's a natural at writing music for the theater," said Paulus. "She just gets it. She gets storytelling, she gets narrative, she gets character. So that's been a joy."

The story of how Bareilles wrote "She Used to Be Mine" also became the last essay in her book, "Sounds Like Me: My Life (So Far) in Song," in which the Grammy-nominated singer reveals stories behind eight of her songs.

"It's not a very long book. It's not a dense read. □

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